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OF THE

## DESCENDANTS OF JOHN SILL,

WHO



SETTLED IN CAMBRIDGE, MASS.,  
IN 1637.

*By Geo. S. Sill*  
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## PREFACE.

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The Register of the Sill Family, embraces, besides a full Genealogy, a concise history of the family from the year 1638, arranged for convenience, under nine distinct heads of families who descended from the first settler of the name of Sill, and who married and located as follows: At Lyme, Ct., neighborhood of Silltown, John, Joseph and Andrew; at Lyme, Grassy Hill, Thomas; at Lyme, North Quarter, Jabez; at Lyme, Flat Rock Hill, Zechariah; at Saybrook, Richard; at New Fairfield, Elijah, a Clergyman; at Goshen, Elisha, a Physician.

As far as practicable, I have given in this work the residence or location of all the different branches of the family, together with their respective occupations, and added many items and facts of special interest, which have been gathered in the course of years from history, manuscript records, and well authenticated facts from individuals in the Sill connection, with whom I have been acquainted within the last fifty years.

The Register, which has been some time in a course of preparation, may be considered a brief Family Biography.

Those having children and friends living in other parts of the country, and who would esteem the Register a valuable remem-



brancer of their ancestry, may now have opportunity to furnish it for their gratification.

A book of this kind, on account of the sale being limited to a comparatively small number of copies, is more expensive than one enjoying the general patronage.

The undersigned has given his services without the expectation of reward, and it is hoped that those friendly to this undertaking, will promptly subscribe for a sufficient number of copies to pay the expense of bringing out the work.

GEORGE G. SILL.



## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTICE.

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The obituary will explain, to those who have not heard of my father's death, the cause of delay in the completion and publication of this, his last work.

In endeavoring to carry out my father's design, I have been aided by Henry A. Sill of Cuyahoga Falls, and am indebted to Melvin Lord of Boston, for some items of interest.

Hoping this work may meet the approbation of those interested, it is respectfully submitted.

LOUISA P. SILL.

Died, at Lyme, Ct., May 20, 1859, of paralysis, Rev. George G. Sill, a minister of the Reformed Dutch Church, and a member of the Classis of Albany aged 68 years and 5 months.

In 1815 Mr. Sill emigrated to Rochester, N. Y., which was then a mere hamlet. Having pursued studies in reference to the gospel ministry, he was licensed to preach the gospel by the Presbytery of Rochester in 1821, and ordained by the same body in 1825. He preached extensively in all the new settlements in the vicinity of Rochester, and was stated preacher for a number of years in the town of Mendon, Monroe county. In 1827 he edited the *Rochester Observer*, the first religious newspaper in Western New York. In 1841 he transferred his ecclesiastical relations to the Reformed Dutch Church. In 1845 he removed to Illinois, where he labored incessantly for a number of years; and was instrumental in building up a church at Brunswick, Peoria county. He afterwards removed to Michigan, and preached at Farmington, and other places. On his return to the East, he supplied occasionally in the vicinity of Albany.



Two years ago he had a slight attack of apoplexy; since which his health and strength have been gradually declining. He was on a visit at his brother's in Lyme, when the last summons came; and it seemed a kind providence that he was permitted to die in his native town, which he loved so much, and amid a large circle of relatives and friends. He resigned his mortal breath within a short distance of where he first received it; and his body is now mingling with its kindred dust.

Mr. Sill was a man of large frame, vigorous original constitution, good mind, genial temperament, and a heart empty of selfishness, and full of warm sympathy and good-will toward all mankind. He was simple in his manners, unobtrusive, unambitious, spending and being spent for others, rather than for himself. Like Leighton, he seemed more desirous of "growing heavenwards" than of growing rich; and has, doubtless, now found a recompense better than "thousands of gold and silver." His diary, which is continuous for a long period of years, affords abundant evidence of his piety, and also of his resignation and willingness to depart when called. And so "his last end was peace."

Mr. Sill was remarkable for the powers of his memory, and for his capacity to identify names and countenances after the lapse of many years. He could wonderfully recall dates and incidents long since gone, and which to others had passed away forever. He was fond of antiquarian researches, especially in the line of families, and never lost a scrap which he had once obtained. He has left behind him in manuscript, a genealogical record of the Sill Family, from its earliest appearance in this country, with copious biographical notes attached, which is the result of much labor. While in Rochester, he compiled and published a *Verse Book* of Scripture for Sabbath-schools, which was very happily designed. And, when in Illinois, he composed and printed a small manual of the history and polity of the Reformed Dutch Church of the United States of America, for circulation among Western settlers, and which must have been of much service. But all these, his earthly works, are now closed.

He has left behind him a widow and two daughters.

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# SKETCH

OF THE

# SILL FAMILY.



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## First Generation from England.

### JOHN SILL\*

And his wife Joanna came from England in 1637, and located in Cambridge, Mass., about eighteen years after the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth, seven after the settlement of Cambridge was commenced, and the same year in which the college in that place was founded. It is supposed that they lived at Newcastle-upon-Tyne before coming to this country.

They had two children born in England: Joseph in 1636, and Elizabeth in 1637 — married Zechariah Hicks, 28th October, 1652.

Mr. Sill was admitted to the privileges of a freeman at Cambridge, in the year 1638.

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\* Mrs. Richard Sill of Saybrook, used to say, some forty years ago, that the Sills were of Roman descent. How she obtained this idea is not known, but it may have been suggested by the similarity of the name to that of the Roman General, Sylla.

In some old papers still existing, concerning John and Capt. Joseph Sill, their names are written Schill and Syll, though both John and Joseph themselves wrote it Sill.



Both himself and wife were members of the church of which Rev. Thomas Shepard of Cambridge was pastor.

What his occupation was is not known, neither the exact place of his nativity in England.

At what particular time Mr. Sill and his wife deceased is not ascertained. The records of Cambridge show that he was living in 1645, but died before 1662, when his wife Joanna, had a grant of land. She died previous to October, 1641, at which date her will was presented for probate.

Their daughter died 12th September, 1730, aged 93, according to the inscription on the grave stone, still standing in Cambridge.

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## Second Generation.

### JOSEPH SILL,

Only son of John of Cambridge, was born in England in 1636; married Jemima Belcher, 5th of December, 1660.

- Sons.*—1. Andrew, born 5th February, 1665; died 12th June, 1666.  
2. Joseph, baptized 10th March, 1665.  
3. Andrew.  
4. Thomas.

- Dau.*—1. Jemima, born —, baptized 31st March, 1667.  
2. Elizabeth, born 12th September, 1668; married Samuel Green, a tailor, 18th November, 1685.

Mrs. Sill, the mother of these children, died in Cambridge about the year 1675. She was the daughter of Andrew Belcher, innkeeper in that town, a niece of Lieutenant Governor Thomas Danforth, and aunt to Governor Jonathan Belcher of Massachusetts.

In regard to the children above named, the probability is, that they mostly died young, and that with the decease of Thomas, who died in May, 1709, the name of Sill became extinct in Massachusetts.



The aforesaid Joseph Sill was extensively known as Captain Sill, he having been actively engaged in public service in the Indian war of 1676. He is spoken of in Hubbard's history of that war, as being engaged in several expeditions against the Indians in Massachusetts, and also on the Merrimack river, Casco bay and Ossipee in New Hampshire.

After the close of the Indian war in 1676, Capt. Sill removed from Cambridge to Lyme, in Connecticut.

The settlement of Lyme commenced in 1664, and in 1667 it was incorporated, having 30 families and able to support a minister. It was bounded by Connecticut river on the west and Long Island sound on the south, embracing about 80 square miles. How populous Lyme was at that time is not known, but as yet there was no church organized, though they had enjoyed the ministerial services of Rev. Mr. Noyes \* since 1666.

On the 12th February 1677, Captain Joseph Sill married his second wife, Mrs. Sarah (widow of Lieutenant Reynold) Marvin of Lyme. Their children were,

1. Joseph,<sup>2</sup> born 6th January, 1678.
2. Zechariah, born 1st January, 1682.

He resided in Lyme nineteen years before his death, which occurred on the 6th August, 1696, in the 60th year of his age. His two sons, Joseph and Zechariah, were of the ages of eighteen and fourteen at the time of their father's decease. Mrs. Sill, his widow, survived him about nineteen years, and died 17th February, 1715, in the 74th year of her age. They were both buried near Lieutenant Reynold Marvin's, and the inscriptions on their grave stones are still standing in the Lyme burying ground.

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\* The Rev. Moses Noyes, a graduate of Harvard college in 1659, was the first minister of Lyme. He commenced his labors there in 1666, but there was no church organized till 1693, a period of 27 years, there not being members sufficient to constitute a church. Mr. Noyes was installed in 1693, after the church arrangements were perfected, and spent in all 63 years with his people. He died 10th November, 1729, aged 86 years. He was from Newbury, Massachusetts. (See *Trumbull's History of Connecticut.*)



Lieutenant Marvin, to whom allusion is here made, was a prominent man in the town and a large landholder. He represented Lyme in the general court in 1670, and from 1672 to 1676. He died in 1676, aged 42 years. He left three sons who were the children of his widow, who afterwards married Captain Sill. Their names were John, Reynold, and Samuel (see *Marvin Genealogies*).

## JOSEPH and ZECHARIAH SILL.

### Third Generation.

#### JOSEPH SILL,<sup>2</sup>

First son of Captain Joseph, was born 6th January, 1678; married Phebe Lord of Lyme.

*Sons.*—1. John, born 14th February, 1710.

2. Joseph, born 25th April, 1715.

3. Thomas, born 25th August, 1717.

4. Jabez, born 4th August, 1722, } *Twins.*

5. Richard, born 4th August, 1722. }

6. Elijah, born 8th November, 1724.

7. Elisha, born 6th April, 1730.

*Dau.*—1. Luce, born February, 1706; died 26th January, 1716.

2. Elizabeth, born 20th November, 1707; married Robert Hubbard of Middletown, Ct.

3. Phebe, born 10th February, 1713; married John Murdock of Saybrook, and died a young woman.

4. Lucy, born 1st December, 1719; married Benjamin Niles of Groton, Ct. They were the grand-parents of Hon. John M. Niles of Hartford, Ct.

5. Sarah, born 2d January, 1728; married Nehemiah Hubbard of Middletown.

Joseph Sill,<sup>2</sup> the father of this family of 12 children, was a farmer, and occupied the farm first settled upon in





Silltown for near thirty years, when he purchased improved lands in the North Parish of Lyme, two miles distant, his son John taking the homestead.

He was a member of the Congregational church under the ministry of Rev. Moses Noyes of Lyme, and removed to the North Parish about 1733. He died 10th November, 1765, in the 88th year of his age.

His wife, Phebe, was the daughter of Lieutenant Richard Lord of Lyme, and Elizabeth Hyde formerly of Norwich. She united with the church under the care of Rev. Jonathan Parsons in 1731, and died 4th January, 1774, aged 86.

**ZECHARIAH SILL,<sup>1</sup>**

Second son of Captain Joseph was born 1st January, 1682; married Elizabeth Mather of Lyme. She was born 20th November, 1682. They were joined in marriage on the —. Their children were,

*Sons.*—1. Andrew.

2. Zechariah, born in 1717.

3. David.

*Dau.*—1. Sarah, married Robert Johnson of Middletown, 17th June, 1736; died 28th March, 1774.

2. Elizabeth, married — Rogers of East Hadam.

3. Joanna.

Zechariah Sill was a farmer. The family appear to have been mostly members of the Congregational church, of which Rev. Jonathan Parsons was pastor, and united in the years 1731, '32, '36 and '41. Mrs. Sill was the daughter of Mr. Richard Mather of Lyme, and Rev. Increase Mather, president of Harvard college, was her great uncle.

At what period the parents of this family died we are not informed. The stones lying at the head of their graves are so defaced that their inscriptions can not be read, and we are left in uncertainty as to the time of their death.

Joseph and Zechariah Sill were in the possession of



lands lying north of Mill brook, the head of tide water on the east branch of Lieutenant's river, as early as the year 1698. Some few years subsequent to this they purchased more land in the vicinity, and settled their families, about sixty rods apart, on the north side of Mill brook, and about a mile and a half north from the centre of Lyme village.

The two families numbered eighteen children, all but two living to grow up and settle in married life.

The neighborhood has been called Silltown, from the circumstance that five of the name settled on the street half a mile north of Mill brook.

Among the neighbors in Silltown in the olden times were the Dorrs,\* the Wades,† and the Matsons.‡ About the time of the revolutionary war, the Dorr connection removed to East Haddam, and subsequently portions of them to New York and Ohio, while some of the other families named remain there still.

There is now (1859) only one family of the name of Sill remaining in Silltown, that one occupying the homestead commenced in 1698. The total of families by the name of Sill living at the present time in what was originally the town of Lyme, is three. In olden times the number was eight or ten.

There were seven sons in the family of Joseph, and two in that of Zechariah Sill. For convenience I shall give separate the genealogies and histories of each branch of the family of nine sons who descended from the first settler by the name of Sill.

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\* Edmund Dorr was born in Roxbury, near Boston, in 1692, and was a cloth dresser. He settled in Silltown and established his business on Mill brook about 1716. He married Miss Mary Griswold of Lyme. They had five children, viz: Matthew, George, Edward, Eve, and Deborah.

† The Waids settled on the same stream and established a valuable mill seat farther up the east branch on the outlet of Great lake.

‡ Nathaniel Matson was a ship carpenter—came from Boston and settled in Silltown about 1715, and died there in 1776, aged 92 years. Had two sons and seven daughters. Some of his descendants have occupied the same farm to the present time (1859).



DESCENDANTS OF THE BRANCH OF THE FAMILY OF  
**LIEUT. JOHN SILL OF LYME,**

HE BEING OF THE

**Fourth Generation.**

JOHN SILL, 2d.

First son of Joseph, 2d, was born 14th February, 1710; married, 1st, Phebe Fithen of Bridgehampton, on Long Island, 22d December, 1731; 2d, Widow Hepzibah Lee of East Lyme, 9th April, 1752; 3d, Widow Lucy Peck of Lyme, 22d September, 1783.

*Sons.*—1. David Fithen, born 24th April, 1733.

2. Joseph, born 21st February, 1735.

3. John, born 16th April, 1744.

4. Silas, born 17th November, 1749.

5. Enoch, born 15th March, 1753; died 28th August, 1777.

6. Richard, born 18th July, 1755.

*Dau.*—1. Phebe, born 19th March, 1737; married William Lay of Lyme, 5th December, 1757.

2. Mary, born 16th June, 1739; died 8th of August, 1753.

3. Anne, born 14th May, 1742; married John Lay of Lyme, 28th February, 1760.

4. Sarah, born 8th of August, 1746; married Ephraim Hubbard of New Fairfield, Ct.

Lieutenant John Sill was a farmer, and spent his life in Silltown, on the farm where he was born. He was a member of the church for sixty-three years, having united with it in 1733, during the ministry of Rev. Jonathan Parsons.\* He died 17th October, 1796, in the

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\* The Rev. Jonathan Parsons was born at West Springfield, N.Y., in 1705, graduated at Yale College in 1729, and ordained over the 1st church in Lyme, 22d March, 1730-31, having been called by a unan-



87th year of his age. His first wife deceased 27th May, 1750; his second wife in March, 1783; and his third in November, 1804. His daughter, Sarah, the widow of Ephraim Hubbell, lived many years in Silltown, and died there June, 1813, aged 67.

### *Fifth Generation.*

#### DAVID FITHEN SILL,

First son of Lieutenant John, was born the 24th April, 1733; married Sarah (daughter of Deacon Thomas) Griswold of Lyme, Black Hall.

*Sons.*—1. Thomas, born 26th November, 1769.

2. John, born 14th June, 1773.

3. David, born 8th January, 1775; died in infancy.

*Dau.*—1. Mary, born 27th June, 1768; married Nathaniel Matson of Lyme in 1790, and died 9th January, 1802.

imous vote of the society to become their minister. The population of the parish at that time was about 700 persons. They voted him for settlement fourteen acres of land and house, and a yearly salary of £100, to be paid in money, or wheat at 7s per bushel; rye, 5s; corn, 4s; pork, 5d; beef, 3d per lb. His ministerial services in the parish continued about fifteen years, during which time there was an extensive and powerful revival of religion, generally known as "the great revival of 1740, '41," and large additions were made to the church—nearly 200 in about a year. Some disaffection existing, about 1745, and Mr. Parsons not choosing to remain there under such circumstances, although the mass of the people desired his continuance, he took a dismission.

He afterwards settled as pastor over the 1st Presbyterian church of Newberryport, Mass., and enjoyed there a successful and prosperous ministry for about thirty years. He was the particular and intimate friend of the celebrated evangelist from England, Rev. George Whitfield, and during his last visit attended him in many of his preaching excursions. Mr. Whitfield died suddenly at the house of Rev. Mr. Parsons, on the morning of the Sabbath he was to have preached for him (30th September, 1770), and was buried, agreeably to his own request, under the pulpit.

Rev. Mr. Parsons ended his useful labors on the 19th July, 1776, and his remains were laid by the side of his friend Whitfield, under the pulpit.





2. Louis, born 29th August, 1771; married David Matson of Lyme, and about 1820 removed to Bloomfield, Ohio.

Col. David F. Sill, the father of this family, in early life learned the trade of house joiner. In time of the French war he received a lieutenant's commission from Governor Fitch of Connecticut, in the reign of King George the Second. He was in the service in 1759, on Lake George, Crown Point, &c., and took the first French prisoner at the opening of the campaign in that year. The next spring, 1760, he went with the regulars and provincials, under Lord Amherst, up the Mohawk river and to Oswego. From thence to Oswegatchie, now Ogdensburgh. He was with Commodore Loring on board of the Onondaga, at the attack on Isle Royal (see *Knox's Campaigns*). He descended the St. Lawrence with the army to Montreal, where the French surrendered to Lord Amherst. The war closed and Lieutenant Sill returned to his native place and settled in Silltown.

At the commencement of the Revolutionary war, in 1775, he was appointed captain in Col. Tyler's Connecticut regiment. Such was the feeling in the country upon the intelligence of the Lexington fight (so called) that a hundred men were raised in Lyme in three days and marched for Roxbury, near Boston, under his command.\* He rose to the post of lieutenant colonel of the first regiment of the Connecticut line and served with acceptance during the war with England.

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\* A hundred men raised in three days in a country town, and on their way to the seat of war, was a rare occurrence indeed. But there were many genuine patriots in those days, and conspicuous among them was Rev. Stephen Johnson of Lyme. He took up on the side of liberty about ten years before the Revolutionary war broke out, in time of the infamous stamp act. He wrote essays for the Connecticut Gazette, printed in New London, and sent them secretly to the printer, three or four of which were published, and the eyes of the people began to open. After this other writers came forward and espoused the cause, and when the war did come, Mr. Johnson had the satisfaction of seeing patriotic and faithful men engage in the service of the country, and went himself, as a chaplain, when Boston became the seat of war, in 1775.



After the war, Col. Sill was frequently elected to the legislature, and held the office of justice of the peace and town clerk for fifty years.

The following obituary appeared in the Connecticut Gazette, the week after his death:

"Died, at Lyme, 9th January, 1813, Col. David F. Sill, town clerk, aged 80 years — an officer in the army of the revolutionary war. He possessed a clear head and a sound heart, was brave almost to temerity, yet prudent as brave. Possessing the frankness of the officer and the suavity of the gentleman, with a mind peculiarly adapted to business, he received all the honors of office which his native town could bestow; and having lived a life full of usefulness to the last, is gathered to his fathers, amid the regrets and respects of numerous relatives and friends."

Mrs. Sill, the colonel's wife, died November, 1815.

#### JOSEPH SILL,<sup>2</sup>

Second son of Lieutenant John, was born 21st February, 1785, married Mrs Elizabeth (widow of Seth) Lee of Lyme, Grassy Hill, May, 1800.

The above was known as Captain Joseph Sill — he having been engaged in the coasting trade in early life. During the French war he went as a hand on board a vessel, carrying a hundred emigrants (with their domestic animals and furniture) principally from Lyme to the Bay of Fundy, where they landed and located their farms on improvements made by the French who had been driven from Acadia. Besides this, he made several voyages to the West Indies, but his principal voyages were on our own coast. He lived for many years on the farm and in the house inherited from his father, Lieutenant Sill, and died the 2d March, 1813, in the 79th year of his age.

His wife died at Lyme in 1818.

#### JOHN SILL,<sup>3</sup>

Third son of Lieutenant John, was born 16th April, 1744; married 1st, Mary Anderson of East Windsor;



2d, Elizabeth (daughter of Mr. George) Griswold of Lyme, Giant's Neck, in 1785.

*Sons.*—1. Enoch, born 10th October, 1779; died, unmarried, 19th January, 1803.

2. Joseph, born 16th November, 1781, and died, unmarried, in 1839.

3. Henry, born 25th August, 1786.

Mr. Sill learned the trade of joiner and cabinet maker of his uncle, Jabez Sill of North Lyme. He came to Windsor and settled about the commencement of the revolutionary war, and was engaged in trade and mechanical business for many years. Subsequently he was occupied in the cultivation of a farm, and keeping a public house in Windsor street, near the Congregational church. He was an ingenious mechanic and a useful man in community. He died 27th May, 1827, in the 84th year of his age. His first wife deceased 1783; his second survived him twenty-six years, and died 5th April, 1853, aged 91 years.

#### SILAS SILL,<sup>1</sup>

Fourth son of Lieutenant John, was born 17th November, 1749, married Hannah (daughter of Mr. George) Griswold of Lyme, Giant's Neck, 9th December, 1779.

*Sons.*—1. Richard, born 29th July, 1781.

2. George Griswold, born 26th January, 1791

3. Horace Lynde, born 5th March, 1794.

*Dau.*—1. Sarah, born 5th August, 1785; married William Hall, merchant of New York city, in 1806, and died in that place in January, 1810.

2. Mary, born 10th August, 1796; resides in Lyme (1859).

Silas Sill learned the trade of shoemaker and tanner, and carried on the business in Silltown, in connection with a small farm, till within a few years of his death, which occurred 26th October, 1811, in the 62d year of his age.

His widow, with her sons and daughter, removed from



Lyme to Rochester, N. Y., in 1815, where they resided for several years. Mrs. Sill died at the residence of her youngest son, at Brooklyn, N. Y., 12th April, 1834, aged 74 years.

#### RICHARD SILL,

Sixth son of Lieutenant John, was born in Lyme, Silltown, 18th July, 1755; married Elizabeth (daughter of Col. Francis) Nicoll of Bethlehem, N. Y., on the 2d of May, 1785.

*Sons.*—1. William Nicoll, born 28th March, 1786.

2. John Lee, born 13th August, 1787.

Richard Sill graduated at Yale College in 1775. He entered the Continental army as a lieutenant, in 1776, was on Long Island at the time of the battle, and with the army at King's Bridge. He spent the winter with the army at Valley Forge, and was connected with the quarter or pay master's department, and the most of his time seems to have been employed at West Point, and towns in the vicinity of the Hudson. In 1782, he was appointed aid-de-camp to the American general, Lord Sterling. He was known as Major Sill.

After the close of the revolutionary war, Major Sill studied law in the office of Col. Aaron Burr, and settled in the practice of that profession in the city of Albany. He was favored with an extensive and successful practice for several years, till his health became impaired.

Finding his health rapidly failing, in the spring of 1790 Major Sill retired with his family to the house of his father-in-law, Colonel Nicoll. While there, the prospect of improvement as to health was so discouraging that he expressed a desire to have some of his family connexions from Lyme, Ct. visit him. For this purpose he wrote a letter with his own hand to his aged father, and an express was dispatched that morning for Lyme. Before the day had passed he was taken worse, and his eyes closed in death on the 4th June, 1790.

The following notice is from the Albany Gazette of June 7th, 1790: "On Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, de-





parted this life, at Bethlehem, the seat of Col. Francis Nicoll, in the 34th year of his age, Richard Sill, Esquire, counsellor at law and representative to the general assembly of this state for the county of Albany, and yesterday his remains were interred in the family burying ground at that place, attended by a number of his connection and friends from this city.

However customary it may have become to bestow flattering appellations on the character of the deceased, it would be a piece of injustice not to observe on this occasion, that independent of the services of this gentleman in the army of the United States, during the late war, his good sense, affable manners and amiable disposition, added to the strictest integrity in public as well as private life, render his character in the highest degree respectable and his death a public misfortune as well as a most distressing loss to an amiable, disconsolate wife, and two lovely infants."

The widow of Major Sill married a second husband, viz, Doctor Nicoll of New York city, who died in —; also a third husband, Peter R. Ludlow of Albany. She died at Bethlehem, 1821.

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## Sixth Generation.

### THOMAS SILL,

First son of Col. David F., was born 26th November, 1769; married Mehetable, daughter of Samuel Mather, Esq. of Lyme, on 6th November, 1799.

*Sons.*—1. John, born 3d September, 1800.

2. Henry Mather, born 2d October, 1803, and died at Lyme, 17th October, 1825.

*Dau.*—1. Phebe Mather, born 27th November, 1801; married Charles E. Hart now of Manchester, N. Y.

2. Margaret, born 14th September, 1805; married John Hart of Lyme; removed to Clinton, N.Y.



3. Nancy, born 7th December, 1807; resides at the mansion in Silltown.
4. Sarah Griswold. born 25th December, 1809; married Alfred S. Wells of Utica, N. Y.
5. Mary, born 26th January, 1812; resides at the mansion in Silltown.
6. Frances, born 23d July, 1814; married Edward Vernon of New York city.

Captain Thomas Sill, the head of this family, was a farmer, settled in Silltown, and erected a commodious, well-built house near the spot where his ancestors had erected their dwellings about a hundred years before. His farm in later years was bounded both by the east and north branches of Lieutenant's river, and had three landing places on it of some note in olden times, viz: the board landing, the hay landing, and the log landing.

Captain Sill died 27th March, 1853, aged 84 years. His wife died December, 1831, aged 50.

#### JOHN SILL,

Second son of Col. David Fithen, was born in Lyme, Silltown, on the 14th June, 1773.

Going on a trip to Hartford, after his return from a West India voyage, he went into Connecticut river to bathe, got beyond his depth and drowned, in the presence of the crew of the vessel in which he had taken passage. This afflictive event occurred on the 4th of August, 1794, in the 22d year of his age. His corpse was brought to Lyme for interment the next day.

#### HENRY SILL,

Third son of John of Windsor, was born 25th August, 1786; married Almeda Marshall in May, 1809.

*Sons.*—1. Henry G., born 20th November, 1810.

2. John Marshall, born 22d January, 1816; died at sea in the English channel, four days from London. 29th September, 1834.

3. William Raymond, born 30th January, 1822.

4. George Griswold, born 26th October, 1829.



*Dau.*--1. Eliza Ann, born 23d October, 1814.

2. Julia, born 24th September, 1819; married Samuel Mather of Windsor, Ct.

3. Emily, born 30th June, 1824; married E. S. Alford of Windsor.

4. Mary Ann, born 1st March, 1827; married O. B. Holcombe of East Granby, Ct.

5. Jane Helen, born 1st July, 1833; died March 30th, 1859.

Henry Sill settled on a farm in his native place, where he still resides, having officiated as justice of the peace, judge of probate, and occasionally represented the town in the general assembly.

#### RICHARD SILL,<sup>2</sup>

First son of Silas of Silltown, was born 29th July, 1781. He was engaged in mercantile business in Saybrook and Lyme for some years, with Captain Elisha Hart. In 1807 he removed to Albany and settled as a merchant and continued business till his death, 10th September, 1809. The following is from the Albany Gazette of September 11: "Died, on Sunday last, after a short illness, in the 29th year of his age, Mr. Richard Sill, merchant of this city, formerly of Lyme, Ct. On Monday his remains were interred in the family burying ground of Colonel Francis Nicoll at Bethlehem, attended by a numerous concourse of relatives and friends.

In the death of this young man society is bereft of a most valuable member. His attention to business and his exemplary moral deportment, obtained him the esteem of all his acquaintances. They who knew him well will bear testimony to his worth, and long, very long, lament his loss. But a few days since he was prosperous in business and in health; now, alas, he is no more. Cut down in the morning of life, his fate brings this monition home to the minds of the thoughtless and young: 'Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the son of man cometh.'"



## GEORGE G. SILL,\*

Second son of Silas of Silltown, was born 26th January, 1791; married 1st, Louisa W. (daughter of Deacon Diodate) Lord, of Sweden, N. Y.; 2d, Semantha R., daughter of James Green, Esq., of Saratoga Springs.

*Dau.*—1. Hannah Mary, born 26th May, 1832; died at Honeoye Falls, N. Y., 13th June, 1832.

2. Louisa Pamela, born at Groveland, N. Y., 18th August, 1834.

3. Mary Caroline, born at Brunswick, Ill., 13th June, 1838; died 10th October, 1841.

4. Caroline Antonette, born at Brunswick, Ill., 15th February, 1845.

George G. Sill resided in Rochester, N. Y., from 1815, about eight years, since which time he has labored as a minister both in the Presbyterian and Reformed Dutch churches in Mendon, N. Y., Peoria county, Ill., and Farmington, Mich. He now resides in Albany, in a feeble state of health, laid by at present from ministerial service.

His first wife died at Honeoye Falls, 7th July, 1832, and was buried beside her infant in the cemetery of that village.

## HORACE L. SILL,

Third son of Silas of Silltown, was born 5th March, 1794, married Mary (daughter of Captain) Pond of Millford, Ct., July, 1841.

*Son.*—1. Richard Griswold, born in New York city, 23d February, 1843; was drowned in the Connecticut river at Lyme ferry, on the 25th July, 1853, in the 11th year of his age. His remains are interred in the Lyme burying ground.

Horace L. Sill resided in Rochester, N. Y., from 1815 to 1822, when he came to New York city and engaged in mercantile business till 1853. He removed to Lyme, Ct., where he is now located.

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\* See Biographical Notice.





**WILLIAM NICOLL SILL.**

First son of Major Richard of Albany, was born 25th March, 1786; married Margaret, daughter of Samuel Mather, Esq., of Lyme, Conn., 1st Sept., 1808.

*Sons.*—1. Rensselaer Nicoll, born 6th August, 1811.

2. Francis Nicoll, born 12th March, 1818.

3. John, born 6th December, 1822.

4. William Nicoll, born 17th April, 1825.

5. James Mather, born 26th February, 1828.

*Dau.*—1. Margaret Nicoll, born 5th July, 1809; married Theodore Sanders of Schenectady.

2. Elisabeth Nicoll, born 17th September, 1813; died 10th September, 1814.

3. Elisabeth Nicoll, born 30th June, 1815; died 21st May, 1827.

4. Lydia Mather, born 27th September, 1820; married Richard E. Thorne of Long Island.

William N. Sill, the father of this family, settled in Bethlehem in early life, being adopted by his grandfather,\* Col. Francis Nicoll, soon after the death of his father, Major Richard Sill. He made the old family mansion of the Nicolls, with their beautiful flats and uplands, eight miles below Albany, on the Hudson, the home and place of his residence till the time of his death. He died on the 17th March, 1844, in the 58th year of his age.

Though a man of modest and retiring habits, yet he

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\* Col. Francis Nicoll, the maternal grandfather of the late Judge William N. and John L. Sill, was of Dutch descent, born in Bethlehem, and inherited a large landed estate from his father, Rensselaer Nicoll, an early settler in the town.

He was a gentleman of the old school, of agreeable manners and excellent Christian character, given to hospitality, and delighted in the society of his friends, keeping up a friendly intercourse with the wise and good of every persuasion.

He was elected to the legislature several times from this county, and was a prominent man also in the Reformed Dutch church, and often attended the meetings of its judicatories as a delegate. He died at his seat in Bethlehem in 1817, in the 78th year of his age.



was called, both as a citizen and a Christian, to act in public life. He was one of the judges of the court of Albany county, a member of the legislature, supervisor of the town, and frequently a delegate to the different judicatories of the Reformed Dutch church, of which he was a member and a ruling elder.

The funeral of Judge Sill was attended at Bethlehem on the 20th of March. The county court being in session at Albany, adjourned over to the next day. Resolutions were adopted by the bar in reference to his death, and ordered to be transmitted to the widow of the deceased and published. His widow still survives, and resides in Albany (1859).

#### JOHN LEE SILL,

Second son of Major Richard of Albany, was born 13th August, 1787; married Abigail Leverett, daughter of William Noyes, Esquire, of Lyme, Ct., on the 14th February, 1807.

*Sons.*—1. Richard, born 25th March, 1809.

2. Francis Nicoll, born 7th November, 1810.

John L. Sill graduated at Williams college, in Massachusetts, in 1807; resided in Albany and Watervliet for some years. In 1815 he removed to Lyme, Ct. He was engaged in commercial enterprises at different times, and made two or more visits to England, Scotland, and Continental Europe. The last years of his life were spent at Port Chester, near New York city, in a feeble state of health, and where he died 26th November, 1852, aged 65 years. His remains were taken for interment to the family burying ground of the Nicolls, at Bethlehem, N. Y., where the remains of his two sons had previously been deposited. Mrs. Sill, the widow of John L., resides (1859) in Newark, New Jersey.



## Seventh Generation.

### JOHN SILL,<sup>4</sup>

First son of Captain Thomas of Silltown, was born 3d September, 1800; married Mary E. Sargent, of Vernon, N. Y., 25th October, 1835.

*Sons.*—1. John Sergeant, born 4th August, 1839.

2. William Henry, born 9th August, 1841.

3. Theodore, born 24th June, 1843.

4. Thomas Herbert, born 8th Nov. 1849.

*Dau.*—1. Catharine Frances, born 9th December, 1838.

2. Cornelia, born 18th April, 1847.

John Sill resides in East Ashtabula, Ohio, and is a farmer.

### HENRY G. SILL,

First son of Henry of Windsor, was born 20th Nov., 1810: graduated at the Military academy at West Point; N. Y.; he entered the United States service as lieutenant of topographical engineers, and continued in the service of the government till his death, at Washington city, 1st December, 1835.

### WILLIAM RAYMOND SILL,

Third son of Henry of Windsor, was born 30th January, 1822; married Mary Edgar of St. Louis, Mo., 24th May, 1858.

W. R. Sill has been employed from 1844 to 1856 in the states of Vermont, New York and Wisconsin, as an engineer on rail roads. Has been engaged in land agency and lumber business since 1856. His residence is La Crosse, Wis.

### GEORGE GRISWOLD SILL, 2d,

Fourth son of Henry of Windsor, was born 26th October, 1829. Has been settled as an attorney at law in the city of Hartford for some years, and still resides there (1859).



**RENSSELAER NICOLL SILL,**

First son of Judge William N. of Bethlehem, was born 6th August, 1811; married Frances Livingston, of the Manor.

*Son.*—1. William Livingston, born 6th July, 1849, and died 17th March, 1852.

*Dau.*—1. Margaret Mather, born 31st July, 1837.

2. Ann Nicoll, born 20th December, 1842.

Mrs. Sill died at Bethlehem, on the 2d of February, 1852.

Rensselaer N. Sill resides in Bethlehem.

**FRANCIS NICOLL SILL,**

Second son of Judge William N. of Bethlehem, was born 12th March, 1818; married Elizabeth Ann, daughter of Col. John De Friest of Greenbush.

*Sons.*—1. William Nicoll, born 26th September, 1852.

2. John De Friest, born 10th November, 1853.

*Dau.*—1. Anna K., born 1st May, 1847; died 3d October, 1852.

F. N. Sill resides in Albany, engaged in merchandise.

**JOHN SILL,<sup>5</sup>**

Third son of Judge William N. of Bethlehem, born 6th December, 1822; married Lydia B. Van Rensselaer of Albany.

*Sons.*—1. Dunkin Henry, born 20th September, 1853.

*Dau.*—1. Ann Dunkin, born 24th March, 1850.

2. Louisa Griswold, born 16th November, 1851.

3. Maria Viele, born 3d March, 1855.

4. Kate Van Rensselaer, born 31st January, 1857.

Col. John Sill resides in Albany, and is Cashier of the Merchants' Bank.

**WILLIAM NICOLL SILL,<sup>2</sup>**

Fourth son of Judge William N. of Bethlehem, was born 17th April, 1825; married Jane Lasher of Bethlehem.





*Son.*—1. John James, born 2d April, 1854.

*Dau.*—1. Marion, born 15th April, 1848.

2. Lydia, born 21st October, 1849.

3. Caroline, born 17th February, 1852.

4. Elizabeth, born 31st October, 1857; died 2d April, 1859.

William N. Sill <sup>2</sup> is a farmer and resides in Bethlehem.

JAMES MATHER SILL,

Fifth son of Judge William N. of Bethlehem, was born 28th of February, 1828; married Mary Ann Udell of Bethlehem.

*Dau.*—1. Alice, born 5th December, 1853, died 1858.

J. M. Sill resides at Cohoes, is Cashier of the Cohoes Bank.

RICHARD SILL,<sup>3</sup>

First son of John Lee of Watervliet, was born 25th March, 1809. He went several voyages to Europe as a mariner. He afterwards became a ship master, sailing on foreign voyages from the port of New York. After a few years his health became impaired and he died, unmarried, at his father's residence at Port Chester, 8th of October, 1850, in the 41st year of his age. Captain Sill's remains were brought to Bethlehem, N. Y., for burial.

FRANCIS NICOLL SILL,

Second son of John L. of Watervliet, was born 7th November, 1810, married Edwardanna Schefflien of New York city in 1830.

*Dau.*—1. Elizabeth Hamilton, died in 1833, aged two years.

Francis N. Sill was a physician and resided at Staten Island for some years. He died in that place on the 4th of May, 1848, in the 38th year of his age. His remains were brought to Bethlehem for interment.



Doctor Sill's widow married for her second husband Doctor John Noyes of Lyme, and for her third Captain Mather Chadwick of Lyme.

*Professional men in the John Sill Family.*—Lawyer, Richard Sill, Albany; lawyer, George G. Sill, Hartford; physician, Francis N. Sill, Staten Island; clergyman, George G. Sill.



DESCENDANTS OF THE BRANCH OF THE FAMILY OF  
JOSEPH SILL OF LYME,

HE BEING OF THE

*Fourth Generation.*

JOSEPH SILL, 3d,

Second son of Joseph, 2d, was born 25th April, 1715; married, 1st, Ruth, daughter of Nathaniel Matson, in 1747; 2d, Azubah Lee, formerly wife of Daniel De Wolf, in 1764.

- Sons.*—1. Giles, born 21st November, 1748.  
2. Nathaniel, born 19th May, 1750; died 10th August, 1765.  
3. William, born 6th December, 1760.  
4. Joseph Lee, born 9th January, 1768. He perished in the destruction of his brother's house by fire, 10th January, 1783.

- Dau.*—1. Rheuhama, born 5th December, 1752; married 1st, David Howell, who deceased; 2d, Mather Peck. She died about 1790.  
2. Lucy, born 14th May, 1754; married Ambrose Watrous of Saybrook.  
3. Ruth, born 14th March, 1756; married Gurdon Clark of Lyme.  
4. Phebe, born 1758, died 17th July, 1765.  
5. Azubah, born 10th June, 1766; married Capt. Cullick Ely of Lyme.  
6. Phebe, born 4th June, 1770; married Capt. Dudley Sterling of Lyme.

Joseph Sill was a farmer, settled in Silltown, and erected his dwelling house about the year 1747. His first wife died 12th August, 1762. His second wife died in 1772 of the small pox the natural way, no one being



able to account for her getting it. Mr. Sill himself came to his death by the same disease in a manner equally mysterious, about ten years after his wife, viz., 20th January, 1782, in the 67th year of his age.

### **Fifth Generation.**

#### **GILES SILL,**

First son of Joseph 3, was born 21st November, 1748; married Lucy Gould of North Lyme, in 1773.

*Sons.*—1. Nathaniel, born 6th August, 1776.

2. Enoch, born May 3d, 1778.

3. Gurdon, born 9th February, 1780.

4. Joseph, born 26th July, 1788.

*Dau.*—1. Betsey, born 10th July, 1774; married Josiah Griswold Ely.

2. Sophia, born 25th February, 1782; married Benjamin Payne.

3. Lucy, born September, 1784; married Fenn Hawley, died 19th July, 1841.

4. Susan, born 3d August, 1786; married Seth Hawley, died April 28, 1813.

5. Almira, born 26th November, 1790; married Josiah Stoddard.

6. Emely, born 26th November, 1790; married Eleaser Stoddard.

7. Ruth, born 26th November, 1792; died in 1799.

} Twins.

Giles Sill settled in Silltown, on the south side of Mill Brook, about 1773, and engaged in the business of shoe-making and tanning. About ten years after his dwelling unaccountably took fire on the night of a violent northeasterly snow storm. The house was consumed, with nearly all its contents, and three of its inmates; two being apprentice boys, named Joseph Lee Sill and Elias Huntley, and the other a girl, Hannah Reynolds, taken





to bring up in the family. This distressing calamity occurred on the 10th January, 1783.

Soon after this Mr. Sill sold his property, and removed with his family to North Lyme, where he established his business, and resided for about sixteen years.

In 1798, he purchased farm lands, a saw and grist mill, in the town of Northumberland (now Moreau), Saratoga county, N. Y., whither he removed with his numerous family, from North Lyme, in February, 1799, and located one and a half miles west of the Hudson river.

A few years after the removal of the family to their new home, they were favored with religious and educational privileges. A congregational church was organized in 1802, of which Mr. Sill and his wife soon afterwards became members. Subsequently Mr. Sill was appointed one of the deacons of the church, which office he held for many years. He died December, 1839, in the 91st year of his age. His wife deceased in December, 1836, in the 84th year of her age.

#### WILLIAM SILL,<sup>1</sup>

Third son of Joseph 3, was born 6th December, 1760, married Jemima, daughter of Captain William Sterling of North Lyme.

*Sons.*—1. William, born 8th February, 1792.

2. Elisha Sterling, born 17th July, 1803.

3. Micah Sterling, born April, 1805.

*Dau.*—1. Amy, born 21st December, 1789; died 21st June, 1806.

2. Jerusha, born 18th June, 1795; married Frederick Beckwith.

3. Mary Matson, born July, 1797; married — Cone, Fort Ann.

4. Lucy, born April, 1799; married Silas Marvin.

5. Clarissa, born 31st March, 1801; married Sylvanus Cone Gouverneur.

6. Emeline, born 30th July, 1808; married Clark Backus.



William Sill resided several years in North Lyme, and was engaged in merchandize afterwards in Saybrook, where he died at an advanced age, March, 1850.

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## Sixth Generation.

### NATHANIEL SILL,

First son of Giles, was born at Silltown, 6th August, 1776, married Keziah Payne, in 1802.

*Sons.*—1. Henry Edmund, born 19th July, 1804.

2. Nathaniel, born 6th February, 1813.

3. John, born 19th September, 1817.

*Dau.*—1. Catherine Payne, born 13th July, 1806.

2. Maria Berry, born 26th May, 1809; died July, 1811.

3. Mary, born 6th July, 1811; married Robert J. Falconer.

4. Keziah Payne, born 23d December, 1815; married Alonson Rogers.

5. Maria Jane, born 29th November, 1819; married Epaphras E. Eldred.

6. Elizabeth, born 16th February, 1822; married Rasselass Brown.

7. Ruth, born 14th May, 1824; died 9th June, 1825.

Nathaniel Sill engaged in mercantile business in Northumberland and New York for a few years, when he removed to Western New York. In 1808 he engaged in the forwarding business at Black Rock, and continued it till the war of 1812. He then resumed merchandize.

About 1827, he removed to Warren, Pa., where he bought lands, and engaged in farming. He died February, 1858, aged 82, having held the office of ruling elder many years, both in the 1st Presbyterian church in Buffalo and that of Warren. Mrs. Sill survives.



**ENOCH SILL,**

Second son of Giles, was born 3d of May, 1778; married Deborah, daughter of Seth Ely, Esq., of North Lyme, 1805.

*Sons.*—1. Charles Augustus, born 11th August, 1806.

2. Seth Ely, born 3d June, 1809.

3. Ebenezer Enoch, born 14th September, 1822.

4. John Nathaniel, born 8th March, 1827.

*Dau.*—1. Lydia Griswold, born 24th January, 1812.

2. Susan Abby, born 27th April, 1814; married James A. Hoyt, died 22d December, 1847.

3. Jane Louisa, born 18th October, 1816; married Aaron M. Thompson.

4. Mary Sophia, born 5th January, 1820; married Rev. Asa Johnson of Iowa, Presbyterian clergyman.

Enoch Sill came to Moreau, N. Y. with his father, in 1799, and has continued to reside there, engaged in the business of farming. He has held the office of justice of the peace in the town, and now that of deacon in the Congregational church.

**GURDON GOULD SILL,**

Third son of Giles, was born 9th February, 1780, married Electa Hawley of Moreau.

*Sons.*—1. Walter Gould, born 1st March, 1810.

2. Joseph, born 20th March, 1814.

3. Calvin Selden, born 30th April, 1819.

4. Amos Hawley, born 22d September, 1821.

5. Gurdon Giles, born 19th March, 1825; died 17th August, 1850.

*Dau.*—1. Lucinda, born 24th May, 1806; married Nathaniel Payne of Irwin, Pa.

2. Jennett, born 11th March, 1808; married Sidney M. Berry of Irwin, Pa.

3. Achsah Strong, born 25th January, 1812; married Aaron M. Rogers of Warren, Pa.



4. Salima Elizabeth, born 3d March, 1817; died 15th August, 1847.

Gurdon G. Sill was a farmer, and resided in Moreau, where the Sill family settled in 1799. He died 23d February, 1853, aged 73 years. His wife died 6th of May, 1856, aged 70 years.

JOSEPH SILL,<sup>5</sup>

Fourth son of Giles, was born 26th July, 1788; married Electa Berry.

*Sons.*—1. Giles Ely, born 6th March, 1820.

2. Joseph, born 9th October, 1821.

3. Sidney Berry, born 29th October, 1823.

4. Hawley Gould, born 29th August, 1825; died 22d August, 1839.

5. John M. Berry, born 23d November, 1831.

*Dau.*—1. Catherine Maria, born 11th December, 1827; died 5th August, 1840.

2. Eliza Almira, born 16th December, 1829; died 26th May, 1833.

3. Eliza Jane, born 15th September, 1833; married William B. Clark of Kalamazoo.

Joseph Sill resided at Black Rock, New York, at an early period, then Oberlin, O., and lastly, Jonesville, Michigan. He engaged in merchandise for many years at these places. Mr. Sill died at the last named place, and his wife also. They were both sick at the same time, and died so near together that they were buried in the same grave. They died on the 30th June, 1843—his age 55 and hers 45.

WILLIAM M. SILL,<sup>2</sup>

First son of William,<sup>1</sup> was born 8th February, 1792; married 1st, Sophia Hopkins, October, 1816; 2d, Mrs. S. Isham, March, 1853.

*Sons.*—1. John Sterling, born 27th October, 1820,

2. Edward (twin), born 8th November, 1824.





*Dau.*—1. Mary Matson, born 19th July, 1817.

2. Elizabeth (twin), born 8th November, 1824.

Residence, Rodman, N. Y. Farmer.

ELISHA STERLING SILL,

Second son of William,<sup>1</sup> was born 17th July, 1803;  
married Delight Coffin.

*Son.*—Franklin S., born 17th December, 1843.

Elisha S. Sill resides in Watertown, N. Y. Engaged  
in merchandise.

MICAH STERLING SILL,

Third son of William,<sup>1</sup> was born at North Lyme, in  
April, 1805; married Betsey Beckwith.

Residence, Hartford, N. Y., died.

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Seventh Generation.

HENRY EDMUND SILL,

First son of Nathaniel of Warren, was born 19th July,  
1804, married Lucy Bliss. Died in 1833.

NATHANIEL SILL, JUN.,

Second son of Nathaniel of Warren, was born 6th  
February, 1813; married Susan Farnsworth.

*Dau.*—1. Ellen D., born October, 1850.

2. Marian, born August, 1852.

Residence, Warren, Pa. Farmer.

JOHN SILL,<sup>1</sup>

Third son of Nathaniel of Warren, born 19th Septem-  
ber, 1817; married Maria White.



*Sons.*—1. George White, born September, 1844.

2. Frederick E., born November, 1852.

*Dau.*—1. Catherine, born March, 1850.

Residence, Warren, Pa. Farmer.

### CHARLES AUGUSTUS SILL,

First son of Enoch of Moreau, born 14th August, 1806; married Mary F. Reynolds.

*Sons.*—1. Seth Reynolds, born 1st October, 1839.

2. John Enoch, born 2d September, 1841.

3. Charles Henry, born 14th July, 1843; died 2d July, 1844.

4. Frederick, born 10th May, 1845; died 5th March, 1846.

5. Frank, born 10th May, 1845; died 6th August, 1846.

} Twins.

*Dau.*—1. Catherine D., born 16th March, 1838.

2. Harriott, born 5th August, 1847.

3. Helen, born 5th August, 1847.

4. Mary Louisa, born 17th November, 1849.

5. Margaret Agnes, born 29th May, 1853.

} Twins.

Mr. C. A. Sill resides in Wales, Erie county, N. Y.; is a farmer; was a member of the legislature from that district, in 1854; has served the town also in capacity of supervisor.

### SETH ELY SILL,

Second son of Enoch, was born in Moreau on the 3d of June, 1809; married Harriet, daughter of General Allen of Batavia, N. Y.

*Son.*—1. Francis, born 28th November, 1841.

2. Charles, born 1st October, 1843.

3. Henry Seymour, born 20th June, 1846.

*Dau.*—1. Florence, born 28th September, 1848.

2. Mary, born 15th October, 1851.

The following is from the Buffalo Express, of Septem-



ber 16, 1851:—" We perform a painful duty in recording the death of the Hon. Seth Ely Sill, one of the judges of the supreme court of the 8th judicial district of this state, who answered to the dread messenger of death yesterday, the 15th inst., at 4 o'clock, P. M., after a very brief and painful illness of three days. His disease, we understand, was a congestive fever of the most malignant type.

" Mr. Sill was born in the town of Moreau, Saratoga county, (where his worthy parents now reside,) on the 3d of June, 1809, and was 42 years 3 months and 12 days old at the day of his death. He commenced the study of the law with the Honorable Orville Clark of Sandy Hill, and completed his legal education in the office of Sherwood & Hawley of this city, and came to the bar in 1836. At the first judicial election under the new constitution, he was chosen one of the judges of the supreme court, which position he held at the time of his death.

" Mr. Sill was, in the strictest sense, the artificer of his own fame and fortune. Possessed of a mind of unusual power and acuteness, and habits of remarkable industry, he was well adapted to the successful prosecution of his profession. There are few who at his age have achieved so much, and few whose loss would create so wide a breach in the professional, political and social circles. The ways of Providence are inscrutable.

" Pursuing, and well advanced in the path of an honorable and commendable ambition—with a reasonable promise of an extended life of usefulness—possessed of ample worldly means, the rewards of meritorious labor—surrounded by numerous friends—secured by the ties of respect and affection, he is cut down in an hour, and all the strong chords that bound him to existence in time are severed, and while we write his spirit has already entered upon an eternal life.

" None can realize, much less describe, the deep and wide spread desolation that follows this afflicting dispensation. A wife and children, brothers and sisters, an aged father and mother, who loved him and cherished



his growing and honorable fame—a profession of which he was an ornament—the Bench, which he illustrated by talent, learning and integrity of a high order, have in his death suffered a loss that can not soon be repaired.

“A breach has been made in all the circles in which he moved, that must grow wider and wider as one after another of his peers are called to hear the last stroke of the bell of time, and follow to that bourne whence no traveler returns.

“Thus passeth the world away.”

#### EBENEZER ENOCH SILL,

Third son of Enoch of Moreau, was born 14th September, 1822; married Beatris Weatherspoon of New York, Nov. 15, 1854.

*Dau.*—Florence Beatris, born 1855.

Residence, New York city. An artist.

#### JOHN NATHANIEL SILL,

Fourth son of Enoch of Moreau, was born 8th March, 1827.

Resides at Moreau. A farmer.

#### WALTER GOULD SILL,

First son of Gurdon of Moreau, was born 1st March, 1810; married Eveline Hamilton of Warren, Pa.

*Sons.*—1. George Hamilton, born 17th June, 1838.

2. Hervey Hamilton, born 7th April, 1842.

3. Gurdon Giles, born 8th February, 1847.

4. Edgar Hawley, born 27th September, 1854.

*Dau.*—1. Elizabeth Salima, born 14th April, 1840; died 14th May, 1853.

2. Electa Ann, born 31st January, 1845.

3. Frances Evaline, born 5th September, 1849.

4. Martha Lucinda, born 15th November, 1852; died 21st July, 1853.

Walter G. Sill resides in Warren. A farmer.





JOSEPH SILL,

Second son of Gurdon of Moreau, was born 20th March, 1814; married Mrs. Henry Ames.

Residence, Warren, Pa. Farmer.

CALVIN SELDEN SILL,

Third son of Gurdon of Moreau, was born 30th April, 1819; married Peoria Elizabeth Bogardus.

*Son.*—1. William Gurdon, born 27th October, 1853.

Residence, Troy. A Merchant.

AMOS HAWLEY SILL,

Fourth son of Gurdon of Moreau, born 22d September, 1821; married.

Residence, West Nottingham, Maryland. Presbyterian clergyman.

GILES ELY SILL,

First son of Joseph<sup>2</sup> of Black Rock, was born 6th of March, 1820; married Rose Ann Stillwell.

*Dau.*—1. Frances Eliza, born 17th July, 1844.

Residence, Jonesville, Mich.

JOSEPH SILL,<sup>3</sup>

Second son of Joseph<sup>2</sup> of Black Rock, was born 9th October, 1821; married Ann Eliza Chaplin.

J. Sill was a physician at Kalamazoo, but recently removed to California.

SIDNEY BERRY SILL,

Third son of Joseph<sup>2</sup> of Black Rock, was born 29th October, 1823; married Caroline M. Swarzee.

*Son.*—1. Edward Joseph, born 5th October, 1853.

Residence, Iowa city.



**JOHN M. BERRY SILL,**

Fifth son of Joseph<sup>2</sup> of Black Rock, was born 23d November, 1831; married Sally Beaumont.

*Son.*—1. ———, born 1859.

Residence, Ypsilanti—a professor of English language and literature in the state normal school of Michigan, and author of a text book on English grammar.

**EDWARD SILL,**

Second son of William M. of Rodman, N. Y., was born 8th November, 1824; married Melissa Owen. Resides in Dexter, Jefferson county, N. Y.

*Professional Men.*—Lawyer, Seth Ely Sill; physician, Joseph Sill; clergyman, Amos Hawley Sill.



DESCENDANTS OF THE BRANCH OF THE FAMILY OF  
THOMAS SILL OF LYME,

HE BEING OF THE

*Fourth Generation.*

THOMAS SILL,

Third son of Joseph Sill,<sup>2</sup> was born 25th of August, 1717; married Jemima Dudley of Saybrook, May 16, 1742.

*Sons.*—1. Samuel Dudley, born 4th of April, 1745.

2. Thomas,<sup>2</sup> born 16th March, 1747.

3. Isaac, born 20th April, 1749.

4. Micah, born 25th December, 1751.

*Dau.*—1. Jemima,\* born 30th March, 1743; married Captain William Sterling of North Lyme, January 3, 1763.

2. Mehitable, born 4th May, 1754; married Martin Huntley of Lyme.

Thomas Sill was a farmer, and settled at Lyme, Grassy Hill, on lands which were obtained by his father, Joseph, and his uncle, Zechariah Sill; and which are mentioned in Lyme records as being their father's (Captain Joseph Sill) right in 2d and 3d parts of 4th division, and Joseph's head right, which allotments were probably made as early as 1716, in which year the two brothers purchased land together in other parts of the town of Lyme. As regards the price of land on Grassy Hill, two and six pence an acre is named.

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\* Mrs. Sterling had 8 sons and 3 daughters. Three of the sons were lawyers, and settled, Elisha in Salsbury, Ansel in Sharon, Ct., Micah in Watertown, N. Y. The two last were members of Congress in 1821 and '22.



Grassy Hill was a corner remote from the parish church of North Lyme, with very little settlement in those early times. Mr. Sill probably began his improvements as early as 1740, and permanently settled there in 1742. The increase of population in this, as in other parts of Lyme, in the olden time, was moderate, and many long years passed away before the neighborhood of Grassy Hill was favored with the stated means of grace. Since about 1810, a house of worship of the Congregational order has been erected, and more recently a parsonage house. The people now, and for several years, have been favored with regular church privileges and the services of a minister.

Mr. Sill died in 1760, in the 43d year of his age. His widow afterwards married Joseph Emmerson of North Lyme. In subsequent years she removed with that family to Northumberland, in Saratoga county, N. Y.

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### Fifth Generation.

SAMUEL DUDLEY SILL,

First son of Thomas, was born 4th April, 1745; married Eunice, daughter of George Dorr, Esquire, of Lyme, in January, 1788.

*Sons.*—1. Samuel Dudley, born 25th December, 1790.

2. Shadrach Hubbard, born 15th August, 1799.

*Dau.*—1. Ursula, born 4th October, 1789; died July 8th, 1849.

2. Elizabeth, born 30th November, 1792; died in 1798.

3. Fanny, born 4th April, 1797; died 17th October, 1829.

Samuel D. Sill settled as a farmer on Grassy Hill, in the neighborhood where he was born, and continued his occupation there till within a few days of his death, which took place 31st March, 1813, in the 68th year of his age.





THOMAS SILL,<sup>2</sup>

Second son of Thomas,<sup>1</sup> was born 16th March, 1747; married in Marlow, N. H., was a captain in the Revolutionary army, and killed by the Indians in northern New York.

*Son.*—1. Thomas,<sup>3</sup> born in Hartland, Ct.

ISAAC SILL,

Third son of Thomas,<sup>1</sup> was born 20th April, 1749; married Sarah Harvey of North Lyme, in 1772.

*Sons.*—1. Joseph, born 26th September, 1775.

2. Isaac Watts, born 10th March, 1786.

3. John, born 29th December, 1790.

4. Silas, born September, 1801; died 18th March, 1807.

*Dau.*—1. Abigail, born 16th July, 1777; married Justin Colton of Munson, Mass.

2. Sarah, born 15th June, 1779; married Elisha Pratt of Colchester, Conn.

3. Martha, born 10th August, 1781; married Benjamin Reeves.

4. Baradill, born 10th February, 1784; died 7th July, 1838.

5. Mehitable, born 18th August, 1788; died 7th September, 1816.

6. Roxanna, born 16th August, 1792; married Calvin Colton, 13th September, 1813; died 12th April, 1848.

7. Mary, born April, 1796; married Richard Chadwick of Bennington, N. Y., 1816; died 1834.

8. Jemima, born 22d July, 1798; married 1st, David Wood of Kingsville, O., April, 1829; and 2d, Josiah Walker, 13th January, 1848.

The head of this large family, Isaac Sill, resided on Grassy Hill; was a joiner as well as farmer. He died 22d December, 1806, in the 57th year of his age. His



widow married Benjamin Brockway, and resided in East Lyme.

#### MICAH SILL,

Fourth son of Thomas,<sup>1</sup> was born 25th December, 1751; married Auzubah Harvey of North Lyme, in 1774.

*Son.*—1. Thomas, born 1st October, 1776.

*Dau.*—1. Phebe, born 2d June, 1779; married Gardner Gallup.

2. Azubah, born 15th November, 1780; married Asahel Marvin, 17th September, 1797; died May 26, 1856.

3. Jemima, born 2d October, 1783; married Charles Harrison, 1805; died February 4, 1835.

Mr. Sill resided in North Lyme; died there 10th December, 1786.

### Sixth Generation.

#### SAMUEL DUDLEY SILL,

First son of Samuel D. of Grassy Hill, was born 25th December, 1790. He resides in his native place; by occupation a farmer.

#### SHADRACK HUBBARD SILL,

Second son of Samuel D. of Grassy Hill, was born 15th August, 1799; married Laura S. (daughter of David) Lay of Lyme, 3d September, 1835. S. H. Sill is by occupation a farmer; has resided in Ohio; but now (1859) at Grassy Hill.

#### THOMAS SILL,<sup>3</sup>

First son of Thomas,<sup>2</sup> was born in Hartland, Ct.; married Miss — Gilman.



*Sons.*—1. Clark, born in 1806.

2. Thomas Gilman, b. 1809.

3. George, born —; died a young man.

*Dau.*—1. Phebe, born 1812; married and died in Ingham, Michigan, 1851.

Captain Thomas Sill resided for some years in West Bloomfield, N. Y., afterwards removed to Dexter, Michigan.

JOSEPH SILL,

First son of Isaac of Grassy Hill, was born 26th September, 1775.

He learned the trade of a house joiner of his father, and worked at it for several years in Lyme. About 1801 he removed to Savannah, in Georgia, and engaged in the same occupation. He resided, in his latter years, in Sunbury, Bryan county, Georgia; was known as Captain Sill, and died there in June, 1812, aged 37 years.

ISAAC WATTS SILL,

Second son of Isaac of Grassy Hill, was born 10th March, 1786; married Mary Beckwith, 2d February, 1811.

*Sons.*—1. George Washington, born 26th February, 1812.

2. Isaac W. Newton, born 8th May, 1818.

*Dau.*—1. Hannah Beckwith, born 19th July, 1813; married Alva Newell of Fembroke, N. Y.

2. Harriet Newell, born 2d December, 1816.

3. Cornelia Mercy, born 22d January, 1828; married Erastus M. Loomis, Andover, Ct.

Isaac W. Sill was a carpenter and house joiner, and engaged in business with his brother Joseph in Bryan county, Georgia, for about five years. He returned to Lyme a short time before the war of 1812, and followed his occupation in North Lyme till 1833, when he removed to Andover, Ct., and settled on the farm where



he now resides. He was elected one of the deacons of the Congregational church in 1835, and still officiates in that capacity (1859).

JOHN SILL,<sup>1</sup>

Third son of Isaac of Lyme, Grassy Hill, was born 29th December, 1790; married 1st, Hester D. Beckwith, 21st October, 1812; 2d Mary Dean, October, 1834; 3d, Electa Dean, 21st October, 1836.

*Sons.*—1. Harlow Emmerson, born 11th September, 1813.

2. Enoch Beckwith, born 1st October, 1818.

3. Harvey John, born 23d September, 1823.

4. Isaac Newton, born 16th January, 1831.

*Dau.*—1. Amanda Fitzland, born 22d May, 1815; died December, 1835.

2. Juliet, born 23d December, 1816; married William Bosworth; died December, 1841.

3. Adaline, born 10th August, 1821; married Jonas Yeomans of Arlington, Wis.

4. Hester Darrow, born 5th September, 1826; died 1827.

5. Melville, born 29th November, 1828; died 1829.

6. Martha Dean, born 3d October, 1835; married Calvin S. King; died 1855.

John Sill was a farmer for several years at Grassy Hill. In 1819 he removed to Bethany, N. Y., where he resided till after 1834.

He then located in Alden, Erie county, N. Y., where he now resides (1859).

THOMAS SILL,<sup>4</sup>

First son of Micah, born 1st October, 1776; married Clarissa Treadway, 2d August, 1800.

*Sons.*—1. Thomas Harvey, born 18th May, 1801.

2. Micah, born 3d May, 1803.





3. Henry Ward, born 15th December, 1809.
4. Frederick, born 27th June, 1813.
5. Richard, born 24th October, 1815.

- Dau.*—1. Clarrissa Treadway, born 7th February, 1805; died 6th November, 1826.
2. Mary Elizabeth, born 2d March, 1807; married Thomas C. Forbers of New Haven, Ct., now of Danville, Illinois.
  3. Phebe, born 27th August, 1811; died 24th October, 1842.
  4. Harriott, born 28th February, 1818; married George Tucker of Lenox, Mass.
  5. Sarah Hubbard, born 16th October, 1822; resides in New York city.

Thomas Sill was a cabinet maker, and resided in Middleton, Ct.; died there 26th January, 1836, in the 60th year of his age.

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### Seventh Generation.

#### CLARK SILL,

First son of Captain Thomas, was born in 1806; married Miss —.

*Son.*—1. Lorenzo, born about 1840.

Mr. Sill settled in Dexter, Michigan, and died there in 1841.

#### THOMAS GILMAN SILL,

Second son of Captain Thomas, was born April, 1809; married Almira Phelps.

- Sons.*—1. George S., born 22d February, 1834.  
2. Charles, born 19th November, 1837.

- Dau.*—1. Allice, born 9th November, 1839.  
2. Ellen M., born 22d March, 1842.

This family resided in Ovid, N. Y. Removed to Dex-



ter, Michigan, where T. G. Sill died, 26th February, 1842.

#### GEORGE WASHINGTON SILL,

First son of Isaac W., born in North Lyme, 26th February, 1812; married Angeline S. Branet, 26th September, 1842.

*Son.* — 1. George Henry, born 28th July, 1752.

*Dau.* — 1. Emma Jane, born 31st October, 1844.

2. Erixine Branch, born 23d November, 1846.

3. Harriot Cornelia, born 5th March, 1850.

4. Sarah Emeline, born May, 1854.

Rev. George W. Sill is an Episcopal clergyman, and resided for some years at Holly Springs, Mississippi, but recently at Pass Christian.

#### ISAAC W. NEWTON SILL,

Second son of Isaac Watts, was born in North Lyme, 8th May, 1818; married Almira Bolls, 5th May, 1846.

*Sons.* — 1. George Newton, born 14th January, 1849.

2. William Henry.

*Dau.* — 1. Anna Frances, born 15th March, 1847.

2. Ella Almira, born 16th September, 1850.

3. Louis Bolls, born 13th June, 1852.

4. Harriot Cornelia, 21st April, 1854.

Isaac W. N. Sill resides on his farm in Andover, Ct., and is also a house joiner.

#### HARLOW EMMERSON SILL,

First son of John, was born in Lyme, Grassy Hill, 11th September, 1813; married Caroline M. Gautier, 10th August, 1839.

*Son.* — 1. Byron Gautier, born 30th April, 1844.

*Dau.* — 1. Adelaide Louisa, born 14th October, 1840; died 10th August, 1841,



2. Adeliën Christien, born 22d June 1854; died 29th July, 1855.

Resides in New York city, and is a merchant.

ENOCH BECKWITH SILL,

Second son of John of Lyme, Grassy Hill, was born 1st October, 1818. Resides in Alden, Erie county, N.Y., and is a farmer.

HARVEY JOHN SILL,

Third son of John<sup>1</sup> of Lyme, Grassy Hill, was born in Bethany, 23d September, 1823; married Miranda M. Foster.

- Dau.*—1. Mary Gertrude, born 22d November, 1850.  
2. Martha Frances, born 2d January, 1854.

Resides in Arlington, Wis.

THOMAS HERVEY SILL,

First son of Thomas of Middletown, was born 18th May, 1801; died Dec. 30, 1838.

MICAH SILL,

Second son of Thomas of Middletown, was born 5th May, 1803; married 1st, Susan C. Starr; 2d, Mrs. Adelaide Baker.

*Son.*—1. Frederic Henry, born in 1832.

*Dau.*—1. Clarissa Treadway, 17th November, 1827.

2. Catherine Phebe, born 20th June, 1829; died 8th August, 1830.

3. Mary.

4. Adelaide.

Residence, Hartford, Ct.; died in March, 1858.

HENRY WARD SILL,

Third son of Thomas of Middletown, was born 15th December, 1809; married Sophia M. Arnold.



*Son.* — 1. Richard W.

2. Henry A.

*Dau.* — 1. Hannah A.

2. Caroline.

3. Sophia M.; resides in Middletown.

Resided in New York city, merchant. H. W. Sill died, 1857.

FREDERICK SILL,

Fourth son of Thomas of Middletown, was born 27th June, 1813; married Margaret Cock.

*Sons.* — 1. Thomas Henry, born 7th November, 1838.

2. Frederick Augustus, born 10th of October, 1840.

*Dau.* — 1. Leonora Louisa, born 7th May, 1843.

2. Amelia Huntington, born 17th July, 1847.

Rev. Frederick Sill is an Episcopal clergyman, and resided in New Haven, Ct., till recently; but now officiates at Red Hook, New York.

RICHARD SILL,

Fifth son of Thomas of Middletown, was born 24th October, 1815; married Lucy S. Hill.

*Son.* — 1. Frederick Schroeder.

2. Charles Henry.

3. Chauncy, died February, 1856.

*Dau.* — 1. Ada.

Resides in New York city; head of Great Western Insurance Co. and Public Commissioner.

*Professional Men.* — Clergymen, Rev. Geo. W. Sill; Rev. Frederick Sill.





DESCENDANTS OF THE BRANCH OF THE FAMILY OF  
JABEZ SILL OF NORTH LYME,

HE BEING OF THE

*Fourth Generation.*

JABEZ SILL,

Fourth son of Joseph,<sup>2</sup> was born in Silltown, 4th August, 1722, married Elizabeth (daughter of Moses) Noyes of Lyme, 28th December. 1749.

*Sons.*—1. Shadrach, born 12th August, 1758.

2. Elisha Noyes, born 15th January, 1761.

3. Jabez, jr., born 6th March, 1763.

4. Moses, born 9th January, 1765.

5. Amasa, born 8th January, 1767; died in 1772.

*Dau.*—1. Elizabeth, born 22d November, 1750; married Col. Nathan Dennison of Wilkesbarre, Pa.

2. Mary, born 22d July, 1752; married James Gould of Lyme.

3. Naoma, born 28th November, 1754; married Captain John Paul Schotts.

4. Esther, born 21st December, 1756; married Jonathan Fitch of Jericho, N. Y.

5. Sarah, born 11th October, 1770; died 1779.  
Children all born in North Lyme.

Jabez Sill settled in the North Quarter of Lyme, as it was formerly called, on land previously occupied by his father, and which came into his possession at the time of his father's decease in 1765. He (Joseph Sill<sup>2</sup>) had purchased this farm of Eben Mack for £300, as stated in the Lyme Records, in 1730, and in 1746 the Records state as follows: "Joseph Sill deeds the farm he lives on to his son Jabez, with the mansion house and barn — to take possession at his decease."

Mr. Sill was a house joiner and cabinet maker. In



1770 he sold out his possessions and removed with his family to Wilkesbarre, Pa., encountering the hardships of a pioneer settler. In May, 1772, there were only five white women in Wilkesbarre. Mrs. Sill was one of them. The first marriage celebrated in that town was Nathan (afterwards Colonel) Dennison to Elizabeth (daughter of Jabez) Sill. Mr. Sill built the second house erected in Wilkesbarre, on the corner now occupied by the dwelling of the late Colonel Wells.

At the early period of the settlement the people took measures to have the preaching of the gospel established among them. Mr. Sill was the moderator of the meeting which voted, 23d August, 1773, a call to Rev. Jacob Johnson of Groton, in the colony of Connecticut, to settle with them as their gospel minister. His salary to be £60 the year on the present list, and to rise annually as the list rose till it amounted to £100, Connecticut money. - Connecticut claimed what was called the Susquehanna country, and had it under its jurisdiction, hence the Connecticut forays of business.

The early settlers from Connecticut in the Wyoming valley had some severe trials to encounter besides the discomforts attending the settlement of a new country. The Pennsylvanians and Yankees both claimed title to the land and frequent disturbances arose from this source, bringing about an unpleasant state of things. So frequent had been their collisions that they were spoken of as the Pennymite and Yankee wars, and continued for some years. But the most afflictive and appalling scenes were in time of the revolutionary war in July, 1778, when the Tories and Indians attacked the Wyoming settlements. The men were massacred in great numbers, houses burned and the cattle driven off or killed, and those made widows and orphans were left without shelter or food, and distress and ruin spread over all these once flourishing settlements.

Mr. Sill and his family escaped the massacre, and after a time returned with many others of the exiles to Wilkesbarre to begin anew their labors and toils in the settlement made a desolation and a waste.



The conflicting land titles were finally adjusted, and a prosperous state of things was enjoyed throughout the valley. Mr. Sill died in 1790, in the 68th year of his age. His wife deceased about 1810.

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## *Fifth Generation.*

### SHADRACH SILL,

First son of Jabez,<sup>1</sup> was born at North Lyme, 12th August, 1758, married Miss E. Vanloon of Athens, N. Y.

*Sons.*—1. Albertus Vanloon, born 25th May, 1786.

2. Jabez, born 5th December, 1787; died 11th May, 1850.

3. Richard, born 12th August, 1790; died 5th September, 1844.

4. John, born 29th January, 1793; died 6th September, 1829.

5. Shadrach, born 1805; died May, 1835.

*Dau.*—1. Maria, born 24th October, 1797; married James Brink; died 27th August, 1854.

2. Naomi, born 1807, resides in Portsmouth, Ohio.

The history of this family is, in a great measure, lost. It is known, however, that Shadrach Sill entered the revolutionary army in 1776, and in his 18th year joined the company of Captain Durkie, was in the Millstone battle in New Jersey, and served till the close of the war. He resided in Athens, N. Y., for twenty-two years, and in 1812 removed with his family to Upper Canada, where he died 3d November, 1813.

### ELISHA NOYES SILL,

Second son of Jabez,<sup>1</sup> was born at North Lyme, 15th January, 1761, married Chloe Allyn of Windsor, Ct., 11th February, 1796.



- Sons.*—1. Horace Hooker, born 2d March, 1797.  
2. Elisha Noyes, jun., born 6th January, 1801.  
3. Henry Allyn, born 19th September, 1805.  
4. Theodore, born 12th January, 1808.  
5. Charles Schotts, born 21st November, 1809.  
6. Edward Josiah, born 21st August, 1811.  
7. James Kingsbury, born 15th April, 1813.  
8. William F. A., born 16th June, 1817.  
9. George Dennison, born 25th October, 1819;  
died 20th March, 1820.

- Dau.*—1. Ann Allyn, born 17th February, 1799; married  
David Payne, 12th September, 1822; resided  
in Cleveland, Ohio; died May 14, 1859.

Elisha N. Sill settled as a physician in Windsor, Ct., where he practiced medicine for many years. He died in that town 24th May, 1845, aged 84 years. Doctor Sill was town clerk twenty-eight years, justice of the peace a number of years, and representative in the Connecticut legislature two years, and a most useful man in the community.

The following is from Miner's History of Wyoming: "Elisha N. Sill came with his father's family to Wyoming, being then a lad of nine years old. In 1776, then only fifteen years old, he joined Captain Durkie's company, and was in the Millstone battle,\* together with his brother Shadrach, who continued in the service till the close of the war; but his youth and extreme privations, with a severe attack of the camp distemper, brought him to the verge of the grave, and he was permitted to return home on furlough. At the time of the invasion he fled with the exiles, and in October, 1779, removed to Connecticut and prepared himself for the practice of medicine. As a physician and citizen he lived a life of usefulness, and died respected and regretted by all who knew him.

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\* This battle resulted in the defeat of the British, and the capture of more than a hundred of their horses and forty wagons which had been on an excursion for provisions.





JABEZ SILL,<sup>2</sup>

Third son of Jabez,<sup>1</sup> was born in North Lyme, 6th March, 1763, married 1st, Miss — Haight; 2d, Hannah Osborn.

*Sons.*—1. William, born in Pennsylvania, 27th November, 1788.

2. Sedley, born in East Windsor, 13th September, 1795.

3. Daniel, born in East Windsor, 26th July, 1797.

4. Jabez,<sup>3</sup> born in East Windsor, 11th January, 1800.

5. Joseph, born 21st February, 1803.

*Dau.*—1. Lydia, born 1806; married William Cook of Wilkesbarre, Pa.

Jabez Sill resided in Wilkesbarre in early life, and in Sodus, N. Y., in 1794. He engaged in merchandize at East Windsor, Ct., for several years. He subsequently, in 1794, removed to Dansville, N. Y. He died at Wilkesbarre in 1844.

MOSES SILL,

Fourth son of Jabez,<sup>1</sup> was born at North Lyme, 9th January, 1765, married 1st, Miss — Tudor; 2d, Asse-nath Colt; and 3d, Lydia Anderson.

*Sons.*—1. George.

2. Alexander, died in Michigan.

3. Benjamin R. M., born 12th March, 1815.

4. John R., born April, 1819.

5. Shadrach, died young.

*Dau.*—1. Caroline, married Justin Hall of Dansville; died 1837.

2. Harriet, married — Bradley of Dansville, N. Y.

Moses Sill resided, in his youth, in Wilkesbarre, Pa., and at Sodus, N. Y., in 1794; engaged in merchandize at East Windsor, Ct., for some years. Subsequently he resided near Philadelphia, and at Dansville, N. Y., where he died August, 1850.



**Sixth Generation.****ALBERTUS VANLOON SILL,**

First son of Shadrach of Lyme, was born 25th May, 1786; married Sally Rilley; died in 1822.

*Son.*—1. Albert V. L., born 12th April, 1814.

*Dau.*—1. Mary.

2. Betsey.

**SHADRACH SILL,<sup>2</sup>**

Fifth son of Shadrach<sup>1</sup> of Lyme, was born 1805; died 13th May, 1835.

*Dau.*—1. ———, married and resides in Portsmouth, Ohio.

**HORACE HOOKER SILL,**

First son of Doctor Elisha N. of Windsor, was born 2d March, 1797; married Charlotte Strong of the same town, 17th May, 1820.

*Son.*—1. Horace Warham, born 23d September, 1822.

Horace H. Sill is an attorney at law, resides at Elyria, Ohio.

**ELISHA NOYES SILL,**

Second son of Doctor Elisha N. of Windsor, was born 6th January, 1801; married 1st. Elizabeth Newberry, 6th October, 1824; 2d, Fanny Newberry, 17th June, 1834.

*Sons.*—1. Alfred Henry, born 22d August, 1825.

2. Ethelbert, born 27th November, 1826.

*Dau.*—1. Elizabeth N., born 16th June, 1838.

2. Mary, born 2d December, 1841.

Elisha N. Sill settled at Cuyahoga Falls many years since, and still resides there (1859). He has been a member of the state senate of Ohio, and a fund commissioner of the canal and public works of that state.



HENRY ALLEN SILL,

Third son of Doctor Elisha N. of Windsor, was born 19th September, 1805, married Susan Watrous, 20th September, 1847.

*Dau.*—1. Bertha E., born June 21, 1857.

Resides at Cuyahoga Falls.

THEODORE SILL,

Fourth son of Doctor Elisha N. of Windsor, was born 12th January, 1808; married Elizabeth (daughter of Rev. Henry) Rowland of Windsor, 29th June, 1833.

*Sons.*—1. Theodore, born 31st May, 1838; died 6th February, 1847.

2. Edward, born 29th April, 1841.

T. Sill was a physician, located in Windsor, and died 29th April, 1853.

CHARLES SCHOTTS SILL,

Fifth son of Doctor Elisha N. of Windsor, was born 21st November, 1809; married Eunice Newberry, 14th November, 1838.

*Dau.*—1. Fanny Allen, born 9th July, 1845.

2. Julia Newberry, born 5th April, 1853.

Residence, Cuyahoga Falls.

EDWARD JOSIAH SILL,

Sixth son of Doctor Elisha N. of Windsor, was born 21st August, 1811. Resides at Cuyahoga Falls.

JAMES KINGSBURY SILL,

Seventh son of Doctor Elisha N. of Windsor, was born 15th April, 1813. Resides at Windsor, Ct.

WILLIAM F. A. SILL,

Eighth son of Doctor Elisha N. of Windsor, was born 16th June, 1817. Resides in Windsor.



## WILLIAM SILL,

First son of Jabez,<sup>2</sup> was born 27th November, 1788; married Catherine Sims, 19th December, 1812.

*Sons.*—1. George, born 16th November, 1813; died 27th October, 1852.

2. Charles, born 4th February, 1815.

3. Edwin, born 4th December, 1822.

4. Joseph, born 9th April, 1827.

5. Butler, born 9th September, 1829; died 7th October, 1853.

*Dau.*—1. Lydia, born 1st July, 1816; married M. Patch.

2. Eliza, born 21st February, 1816; married Francis Vial; died 1845.

3. Phebe Ann, born 22d January, 1825; married Edwin Keeler.

4. Frances Amelia, born 25th October, 1833; died 8th October, 1834.

William Sill resides in Herrick, Bradford county, Pa.

## SEDLEY SILL,

Second son of Jabez,<sup>2</sup> was born 13th of September, 1795, in East Windsor; married 1st, Abigail M. Barber, 20th September, 1820; 2d, Mrs. Jane Clark, 23d February, 1848.

*Sons.*—1. Cyrus Dennison, born 25th February, 1824.

2. Francis Barber, born 25th December, 1825.

3. Allyn Noyes, born 27th August, 1827.

4. Henry Clay, born 2d June, 1831; died 22d February, 1832.

*Dau.*—1. Jemima Ann, born 15th May, 1821; married Alonson R. Knox. Cuyahoga Falls.

2. Julia Maria, born 11th September, 1822; married Lambert Twitchell. Brimfield, Ohio.

3. Elizabeth Caroline, born 30th July, 1829; married Hollister Phinney of Hornellsville, N. Y.

4. Josephine M., born 25th December, 1836.

Sedley Sill resides in Dansville, N. Y.





DANIEL SILL,

Third son of Jabez,<sup>2</sup> was born 26th July, 1797 in East Windsor; married Harriet Hungerford, May, 1818.

- Sons.*—1. Benjamin D., born 2d December, 1820.  
2. Daniel, born 17th March, 1826.  
3. Eleazer, born 2d February, 1823.

- Dau.*—1. Calista M., born 8th October, 1819; married Archibald Keyser of Canadaville, N. Y.  
2. Jane, born 8th May, 1824; married William Miller of Canadaville, N. Y.  
3. Harriet, born 12th September, 1828; married William P. Mahew of California.

Residence, Maysville, California.

JABEZ SILL,<sup>3</sup>

Fourth son of Jabez,<sup>2</sup> was born in East Windsor, 11th January, 1800; married 1st, Jemima Barber; 2d, Olivia Lee; 3d, Kesiah Sterling.

- Sons.*—1. Byron Washburn, born 25th August, 1821.  
2. Mason Mandeville, born 7th April, 1827; died 15th September, 1840.  
3. Melvin Major, born 13th November, 1835.  
4. Frederick Barton, born 4th April, 1838.

- Dau.*—1. Catherine Armanda, born 26th October, 1831; married W. Van Wagner of Avon, N. Y.  
2. Caroline Loretta, born 18th May, 1833; married S. A. Vrooman.

Residence, Dansville and Lockport; died August, 1843.

JOSEPH SILL,

Fifth son of Jabez,<sup>2</sup> was born 21st February, 1803; married Ellen Coolbaugh, 1831.

- Sons.*—1. Miles, born 16th June, 1833.  
2. Morris, born 20th August, 1835.



- Dau.*—1. Hannah, born 12th July, 1838.  
 2. Emely, born 15th August, 1840.  
 3. Ann, born 18th October, 1842.  
 4. Mary, born 7th October, 1844.

Residence, Durell, Pa.

BENJAMIN R. M. SILL,

Third son of Moses, was born the 12th of March, 1815; married Miss ——— Hammond, 3d May, 1849.

*Son.*—1. John R., born 7th December, 1853.

- Dau.*—1. Alcesta, born 6th February, 1850.  
 2. Louisa, born 3d August, 1851.

Residence, New Orleans.

JOHN R. SILL,

Fourth son of Moses, was born April, 1819, in Philadelphia. Residence, New Orleans.

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Seventh Generation.

ALBERT<sup>2</sup> V. L. SILL,

First son of Albertus Vanloon, was born 12th April, 1814.

- Sons.*—1. Albert.  
 2. Andrew.  
 3. Henry.

- Dau.*—1. Helen.  
 2. Esther.  
 3. Maria.

Residence, Cherry Valley, Ill.

HORACE WAREHAM SILL,

First son of Horace Hooker, was born 23d September, 1822; married Mary E. Boynton.



*Son.*—1. Ethelbert R., born 23d February, 1851.

*Dau.*—1. Charlotte E., born 22d October, 1853.

Residence, Elyria, Ohio.

CHARLES SILL,

Second son of William of Herrick, born 4th February, 1812; married Mary Swackhammer.

EDWIN SILL,

Third son of William of Herrick, born 4th December, 1822; married Jemima Westbrook.

*Son.*—1. William, born 1851.

*Dau.*—1. Ruth born 1853.

Residence supposed to be in Herrick, Pa.

JOSEPH SILL,

Fourth son of William of Herrick, was born 9th April, 1827; married Harriet I. Bennett.

*Dau.*—1. Harriett Amelia, born 29th November, 1853.

CYRUS DENNISON SILL,

First son of Sedley of Dansville, N. Y., born 25th February, 1824. Resides at Corning, N. Y.; merchant.

FRANCIS BARBER SILL,

Second son of Sedley of Dansville, was born 25th December, 1825; married Cornelia Brown. Mr. Sill was a dentist, and belonged to a militia company in which he was an officer. He died 21st January, 1837 and was buried with military honors. Residence, Dansville.

ALLEN NOYES SILL,

Third son of Sedley of Dansville, was born 27th August, 1827; married Jane M. Mumford. Residence, Hornellsville, N. Y.



## BENJAMIN D. SILL,

First son of Daniel of Windsor, was born 2d December, 1820; married Sarah A. Hampton of Ossian, N.Y., 1850; a farmer. Residence, Battle creek, Mich.

DANIEL SILL,<sup>2</sup>

Third son of Daniel of Windsor, was born 17th March, 1826; married Lucia Beckwith, 1842.

*Son.*—1. George W. Sill.

Residence, California.

## BYRON WASHBURN SILL,

First son of Jabez,<sup>3</sup> was born 25th August, 1824; married Helen A. Grenell. Resides at Ellsworth, Ohio.

## MELVIN MAJOR SILL,

Second son of Jabez,<sup>3</sup> was born 13th November, 1835. Residence, West Rush, N. Y.

## BENJAMIN SILL,

First son of Daniel, of East Windsor. Residence, Michigan.

## DANIEL SILL,

Second son of Daniel of East Windsor, but now of California. Residence, California.

*Professional Men.*—Physicians, Elisha Noyes Sill, Windsor; Theodore Sill, Windsor. Lawyer, Horace Hooker Sill, Elyria.





DESCENDANTS OF THE BRANCH OF THE FAMILY OF  
RICHARD SILL OF SAYBROOK,

HE BEING OF THE

*Fourth Generation.*

RICHARD SILL,

Fifth son of Joseph,<sup>2</sup> was born 4th August, 1722; married Zipporah Ayes of Preston, on the 10th June, 1753.

*Sons.*—1. Richard Lord, born 10th June, 1757.

2. Elisha, born 27th March, 1772.

*Dau.*—1. Sarah, born 14th April, 1760; married Nehemiah Hayden of Essex; died 18th February, 1813.

2. Hannah, born 27th July, 1762; married Russel Lord of Saybrook; removed to Troy, N. Y.; she died 18th May, 1824.

3. Zipporah, born 23d November, 1765; died 18th May, 1827.

4. Phebe, born 14th July, 1768; married Enoch Lord of Lyme, November, 1859; resides at Saybrook.

Richard Sill was a shipmaster. After his marriage he settled at Ayres point, on the west bank of Connecticut river, in the town of Saybrook, and was engaged for several years in West India and foreign voyages, as well as voyages on our own coast. He afterwards gave up a sea-faring life and became a farmer.

During the revolutionary war in 1775, David Bushnell, a graduate from Yale college, became an inmate in Captain Sill's family, occupying for a long time a room called the blue bed room, about 8 by 10 feet square, where he contrived and perfected that wonderful piece of mechanism called the torpedo, for the destruction of British



ships infesting our coasts (see vol. 2, Silliman's Journal of Science, page 94).

Captain Sill died at his residence on the 14th March, 1795, in the 73d year of his age. His wife deceased in April, 1814, aged 82 years.

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### Fifth Generation.

#### RICHARD LORD SILL,

First son of Captain Richard, was born at Saybrook, 10th June, 1757; married Sarah Hale of Goshen, Ct. .

*Sons.*—1. William Richard, born 1780; died 1803.

2. Thomas Hale, born 11th October, 1783.

3. Roderick, died 1810.

*Dau.*—1. Jennette, married Return Strong of New York; died 1805.

Richard L. Sill was a physician, studied medicine with his uncle, Doctor Elisha Sill of Goshen, and settled at Cornwall, then Windsor, but disliking his profession he became a shipmaster and removed with his family to Hartford. He was known as Captain Sill, and for many years sailed on foreign voyages. He died 6th August, 1805. His widow afterwards married Deacon Jesse Stanley of Mount Morris, N. Y., and removed to that village about 1812. She died in 1820.

#### ELISHA SILL,

Second son of Captain Richard, was born at Saybrook, 27th March, 1772; married Polly, daughter of Samuel Hart, Esq., of that town.

*Sons.*—1. Henry Richard, born 7th June, 1802; died 14th October, 1826.

2. Charles Elisha, born 29th November, 1803.

3. Edward Oswell, born 12th February, 1806; died 7th October, 1826.



4. George Augustus, born 15th June, 1809; died 23d June, 1809.
5. George Augustus, born 4th February, 1811; died 27th September, 1837.
6. Roderick William, born 15th April, 1814.
7. Horace, born 11th December, 1817.

*Dau.*—1. Lydia Hart, born 7th April, 1799.

Elisha Sill settled on the farm occupied by his father at Ayres' point, and has resided there from the day of his birth till the present time (1859). He is a farmer. He has been much in public life, having officiated as a colonel of the militia, justice of the peace, selectman, member of the legislature for several sessions, and for years a deacon of the church of old Saybrook. He is now in the 88th year of his age, and retains his physical and mental powers to an unusual degree. His wife deceased 4th May, 1851, aged 77 years.

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## Sixth Generation.

WILLIAM RICHARD SILL,

First son of Captain Richard L., was born about 1780; was a shipmaster and went on foreign voyages, one or more to the coast of Africa, where he died about 1803.

THOMAS HALE SILL,

Second son of Captain Richard L., was born 11th October, 1783; married Joanna (daughter of Rev. Amos) Chase.

- Sons.*—1. Richard, born 19th August, 1817.  
2. Thomas, born 20th July, 1824.  
3. Joseph, born 1st March, 1827.  
4. James, born 11th November, 1829.

- Dau.*—1. Joanna L., born 4th September, 1819; married Joseph Selden of Erie, Pa.; died 7th April, 1854.  
2. Sarah H., born 14th September, 1822; married Matthew Taylor of Erie.



Thomas H. Sill was born in Windsor, Ct., on the 11th October, 1783, and graduated at Brown university in Rhode Island in 1804. He completed his law studies with the Hon. Jacob Burnet of Cincinnati, in 1809, and commenced practice in Lebanon, Warren county, Ohio. He afterwards changed his residence, in 1813, to Erie, Pa., where he enjoyed to an unusual degree, the confidence of his fellow citizens till his death.

Mr. Sill was appointed deputy attorney general for Warren county, in 1819, and was present at the opening of the first court, practising from that time until a recent period in the several courts of Erie, Warren and Crawford counties. In 1823 he represented his district in the state legislature at Harrisburgh. He was elected a member of congress from Pennsylvania in 1826, and again in 1828, when he declined a re-election. He was chosen president of the United States branch bank in 1837, and held the office till the close of the existence of that institution. In 1836 he was elected to the convention to amend the constitution of Pennsylvania, and in 1848 a presidential elector.

Feeble health having, in a great measure, incapacitated him for the laborious practice of his profession, he was appointed post master of Erie by President Taylor, in 1847, which office he held till June, 1853. He formally retired from practice in 1852, and died 7th February, 1856. The following is an extract from an obituary notice which appeared after his death in the Erie Gazette:

“ This gentleman, who closed his earthly career at his residence, on Sixth street, last Thursday evening, was the senior member of the Erie county bar, as well as one of the best known and most esteemed citizens of northwestern Pennsylvania. He had so long and conspicuously figured in the affairs of this section of the state, and particularly of our city and county, that his name had become a household word — and seldom was that name mentioned without deep-seated respect. Aside from his qualifications as a lawyer, which were of the first order, he possessed traits of character calculated to inspire universal regard and admiration. His deportment was unassuming yet digni-





fied, his disposition kind and accommodating, his general course of conduct based upon principles of acknowledged integrity. As a husband he was attentive and affectionate, as a father kind and indulgent, as a neighbor generous and sympathizing, as a citizen active, honest and true. In short, in all the relations of life, whether as a lawyer, legislator, friend or neighbor, he exhibited a commendable spirit of interest in the welfare alike of the county, state and country, ever sustaining his endeavors to promote and secure the same by a strong and well cultivated intellect and ready and effective eloquence."

**RODERICK SILL,**

Third son of Captain Richard L., was born about 1790, and resided in Hartford. About 1810 he went to the West Indies as a supercargo of a vessel sailing from Hartford. He was taken sick and died before the return of the vessel.

**HENRY RICHARD SILL,**

First son of Colonel Elisha, was born 7th June, 1802. His occupation was that of farmer, and resided in Saybrook. Having been to New York with his brother, he returned sick and died 14th October, 1826, aged 24 years.

**CHARLES ELISHA SILL,**

Second son of Colonel Elisha of Saybrook, born 29th November, 1803; married Jennette Bull, 13th March, 1843.

*Sons.*—1. Charles Augustus, born 10th August, 1845.

2. Francis Marvin, born 26th February, 1852.

*Dau.*—1. Sarah Eliza, born 14th December, 1848.

2. Jennette Amelia, born 20th June, 1854.

Resides in Saybrook, and is a farmer.

**EDWARD OSWALD SILL,**

Third son of Colonel Elisha of Saybrook, was born 12th of February, 1806. He was engaged in the coast-



ing trade. He returned home from a trip to New York, sick with a fever, and died on the 7th October, 1826, in the 21st year of his age.

GEORGE AUGUSTUS SILL,

Fifth son of Colonel Elisha, was born 4th February, 1811. He settled as a merchant in the village of Manhattan, near Toledo, Ohio, in 1836, where he prosecuted his business till his sickness, a short time before his death. The following is from the Manhattan Messenger of 30th September, 1837:

"In the death of this dear young man, this beloved brother in the church, a numerous circle of worthy relatives sustain an enduring affliction; our village has lost one of its firmest supporters; the church in this place has lost a devoted member and faithful ruling elder; the sabbath school mourns the absence of one of its affectionate directors; the temperance society has lost an officer and firm supporter; community at large an ornament and a young man of great worth. He was a friend to the poor, the widow and the fatherless. He was one of the salt of the earth, one of the lights of the world. He fell asleep in Christ, and now rests in heaven."—COM.

RODERICK WILLIAM SILL,

Sixth son of Colonel Elisha of Saybrook, was born 15th April, 1814, married Louisa Bull.

*Dau.*—1. Mary Hart, born 18th April, 1841.

2. Martha, born 5th January, 1848; died 28th May, 1850.

Residence, Saybrook, Mr. Sill engaged in mercantile business at Manhattan, Ohio. The state of his health disposed him to return to Saybrook, where he at present resides near Ayres' point. His occupation is engineer on a steamboat.

HORACE SILL,

Seventh son of Colonel Elisha of Saybrook, was born



11th December, 1817; married 1st, Nancy H. Bromley; 2d, Sarah Bantee, New York.

*Dau.*—1. Mary Elizabeth, born 29th July, 1842.

2. Louisa Townsend, born 9th February, 1845.

H. Sill is a watchmaker and resides in New York city.

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### Seventh Generation.

#### RICHARD SILL,

First son of Thomas H., was born at Erie, Pa., 19th August, 1817; married Eliza R. (daughter of John and Clara) Herron. Resides in Pittsburgh; merchant.

#### THOMAS SILL,

Second son of Thomas H., was born at Erie, Pa., 20th July, 1824. Resides in Pittsburgh; merchant.

#### JOSEPH SILL,

Third son of Thomas H., was born in Erie, Pa., 1st March, 1827; married. Resides in Erie; merchant.

#### JAMES SILL,

Fourth son of Thomas H., was born in Erie, Pa., 11th November, 1829. Resides in Erie; attorney at law.

*Professional men.*—Thomas H. Sill, lawyer, Erie, Pa.; James Sill, lawyer, Erie, Pa.



DESCENDANTS OF THE BRANCH OF THE FAMILY OF  
ELIJAH SILL OF NEW FAIRFIELD,

HE BEING OF THE

*Fourth Generation.*

ELIJAH SILL,

Sixth son of Joseph 2, was born in Lyme, Silltown, 8th November, 1724; married Dorcas Bennett of Newtown, Ct.

*Sons.*—1. Elijah Bennett, born in New Fairfield, in 1760.

2. Daniel, born in 1771.

3. Lord Freedom, born January, 1785.

*Dau.*—1. Dorcas Sill, born —; married Thomas Manley.

Mr. Sill had other children, some of whom the writer has heard of as dying in infancy. The record is defective.

Rev. Elijah Sill was a graduate of Yale college in New Haven, in 1748. He studied theology with Rev. George Beckwith of North Lyme; was ordained pastor of the Congregational church in the north parish of New Fairfield, Ct., now known as the town of Sherman. His ordination took place in October, 1751; the sermon on the occasion was preached by Rev. Mr. Beckwith, who made a journey to that remote town for the purpose, and was accompanied by Mr. Sill's twin brothers, Jabez and Richard, from Lyme. The sermon was soon afterwards printed by T. Green of New London.

Mr. Sill continued his labors as pastor of the church at New Fairfield for near thirty years. He removed to Dorset, Vermont, about 1781; what length of time he





preached in that place is not known to the writer, but probably several years. After this he changed his location to Saratoga county, New York, and supplied the churches of Greenfield and Milton till about 1790, when he removed, with his family, to Chenango, then a new country. He died in Burlington, Otsego county, and was buried near the church at the Green, in 1792, aged 68 years.

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### **Fifth Generation.**

#### **ELIJAH BENNETT SILL,**

First son of Rev. Elijah, was born at New Fairfield, Ct., in 1760; married Chloe Barnes.

- Sons.*—1. Deodatus, born 4th May, 1784.  
2. William, born 25th September, 1786.  
3. Elijah, born 4th November, 1792.  
4. Alonzo, born 1805.  
5. Newell.

- Dau.*—1. Susan, died, aged about 19.  
2. Mary, born 1789; married Marcus Moffatt; resided in Franklinville, N. Y.; died 1849.  
3. Albasingra.

Residence, Pawlings, N. Y.

#### **DANIEL SILL,**

Second son of Rev. Elijah, was born in 1771, in New Fairfield; married 1. Abigail McKnight, 25th January, 1798; 2. Albasingra Barry, 2d February, 1808.

- Sons.*—1. Addison, born 2d August, 1800.  
2. Griswold, born 10th January, 1810; died 27th July, 1811  
3. Ogden, born 27th February, 1812; died 24th September, 1817.

- Dau.*—1. Assenath, born in Oxford, 13th December,



1798; married Samuel Lewis; died March, 1850.

2. Diana, born 31st January, 1803; died 25th August, 1804.

3. Susan, born 10th December, 1804; married Avery Cleveland; died 15th May, 1839.

Daniel Sill resided in Oxford, N. Y.; and after several removals, died in Ossian, N. Y., 17th February, 1826. He was a farmer.

#### LORD FREEDOM SILL,

Third son of Rev. Elijah, was born 2d January, 1785; married Hannah Covey.

*Son.*—1. William, born 11th May, 1824; resides in German.

*Dau.*—1. Phebe A., born 24th January, 1816.

2. Sarah A., born 5th September, 1817; married John Barry of Triangle, N. Y.

Residence, Butternut and German, N. Y.

#### Sixth Generation.

##### DEODATUS SILL,

First son of Elijah Bennett, was born 4th May, 1784; married Margaret McKnight, October 31, 1811.

*Sons.*—1. Deodatus, jun., born 16th August, 1811; died 9th September, 1811.

2. Hiram, born 24th February, 1817.

3. Samuel (twin), born 30th May, 1823.

4. George, born 25th August, 1826.

5. Nelson, born 19th June, 1829.

6. Alexander, born 30th August, 1834.

*Dau.*—1. Mary, born 15th June, 1819; married John Pierce.



2. Martha, born 12th March, 1821; died 9th January, 1830.
3. Susan (twin). born 30th May, 1823; died 13th April, 1847.
4. Semantha, born 26th July, 1831.

Occupation not known. Residence, Franklinville, N. Y. Mr. Sill died 29th May, 1852, aged 68.

WILLIAM SILL,

Second son of Elijah Bennett, was born 26th September, 1786; married Harriet Arnold.

- Sons.*—1. John William, born 20th December, 1815.  
2. Elijah B., born 18th March, 1820; died January 9, 1842.  
3. Thomas Manly, 24th May, 1822.  
4. Andrew Jackson, born 29th October, 1832.  
5. Alonzo D., born 28th November, 1835.  
6. Mark, born 8th December, 1837.

- Dau.*—1. Caroline H., born 25th November, 1817; married Asaph Fitch.  
2. Chloe A., born 17th September, 1824; died 15th June, 1831.  
3. Charlotte, born 27th April, 1827; married Erie Kent.  
4. Phebe A., born 13th June, 1830; married Armenus Kent.

Mr. Sill resided at Franklinville; died 30th August, 1839, aged 53.

ELIJAH SILL,

Third son of Elijah Bennett, was born 4th November 1792; married Margaret Conrad, 1820.

- Sons.*—1. Henry Elijah, born 12th May, 1830.  
2. Herve Newell, born 29th October, 1832.  
*Dau.*—1. Hannah Maria, born 24th February, 1825; married Lyman Searl of Franklinville.  
2. Ann Matilda, born 14th October, 1828.



Mr. Sill was a farmer. Residence, Franklinville and Hinsdale; he died 8th April, 1852, aged 60 years.

ALONZO SILL,

Fourth son of Elijah Bennett, was born in 1805.

*Sons.*—1. Daniel B., born 26th March, 1832.

2. David, born 1st May, 1833.

3. Elijah B., born 28th February, 1844.

*Dau.*—1. Jane, born 30th April, 1839.

Residence, Franklinville and Rushville.

ADDISON SILL,

First son of Daniel, was born 2d August, 1800; married Jemima Cleveland, 7th March, 1825.

*Sons.*—1. Daniel, born 13th January, 1826.

2. Alpheus, born 19th July, 1828; died 12th November, 1851.

*Dau.*—1. Joanna, born 26th January, 1831; died 15th June, 1832.

2. Joanna, born 7th April, 1833.

3. Eunice A., born 29th May, 1836.

4. Assenath, born 21st June, 1843.

5. Ellen, born 5th April, 1847; died 21st January, 1851.

Residence, Kingsville, Ashtabula, Ohio.

WILLIAM SILL,

First son of Lord Freedom, born May 11th, 1824.  
Residence, German, N. Y.





### **Seventh Generation.**

#### **HIRAM SILL,**

Second son of Deodatus of Franklinville, was born 24th February, 1817; married Teviah Pierce.

*Son.*—1. Joseph Adelbert, born 4th April, 1845.

*Dau.*—1. Martha Laverne, born 22d June, 1843.

2. Susan Emerete.

3. Serena, born 9th April, 1850.

Residence, Franklinville, N. Y.

#### **SAMUEL SILL,**

Third son of Deodatus of Franklinville, born 30th May, 1823; married Mary Z. Pierce.

*Son.*—1. James E., born July, 1852.

*Dau.*—1. Encome A., born 28th October, 1851; died 5th September, 1852.

Residence, Richburg, Pa.

#### **GEORGE SILL,**

Fourth son of Deodatus of Franklinville, was born 25th August, 1826; married Maria J. Cooper.

*Sons.*—1. Miron Viranes, born 22d July, 1852.

2. Nelson Benias, born 23d March, 1854.

Residence, Ishua, N. Y.

#### **NELSON SILL,**

Fifth son of Deodatus of Franklinville, was born 19th June, 1829.

#### **ALEXANDER SILL,**

Sixth son of Deodatus of Franklinville, was born 30th August, 1834.



## JOHN WILLIAM SILL,

First son of William of Franklinville, was born 20th December, 1815; married Caroline Searl.

*Son.*—1. William B., born 14th May, 1842.

*Dau.*—1. Orissa, born 19th May, 1839.

2. Fanny Maria, born 1st April, 1846.

Residence, Franklinville.

## THOMAS MANLY SILL,

Third son of William of Franklinville, was born 24th May, 1822; married Sarah Farwell. Residence, Franklinville.

## ANDREW J. SILL,

Fourth son of William of Franklinville, was born 29th October, 1832.

## ALONZO D. SILL,

Fifth son of William of Franklinville, was born 28th November, 1835.

## MARK SILL,

Sixth son of William of Franklinville, was born 8th December, 1837.

## HENRY ELIJAH,

First son of Elijah of Hinsdale, was born 12th May, 1830; married Emeline A. Nourse.

*Dau.*—1. Emeline Adell, born 25th December, 1849; died February 9, 1850.

2. Rosalie Emeline, born 5th September, 1852.

Residence, Hinsdale.



HERVEY NEWELL SILL,

Second son of Elijah of Hinsdale, was born 29th October, 1832; married Laura Ann Scoffield. Resides at Bloomfield, Pa.

DANIEL SILL,

First son of Addison of Kingsville, was born 13th January, 1826; married Nancy Ann Joiner.

*Son.*—1. Addison, born November 6, 1853.

Residence, Kingsville, O.

*Professional Men.*—One clergyman, Rev. Elijah Sill, New Fairfield.



DESCENDANTS OF THE BRANCH OF THE FAMILY OF  
DOCTOR ELISHA SILL OF GOSHEN, Ct.,

HE BEING OF THE

*Fourth Generation.*

ELISHA SILL,

Seventh son of Joseph 2, was born at Silltown, in the town of Lyme, 6th of April, 1730 ; married Mary Heaton of Goshen, Ct.

*Sons.*—1. Elisha Heaton was born 18th July, 1774.

2. Theodore was born 3d January, 1777.

*Dau.*—1. Sarah, born in 1764 ; married Thomas R. Gold, attorney at law, of Whitesboro, N. Y. ; Mrs. Gold died 13th July, 1852, aged 88 years.

2. Mary Eaton.

Residence since 1808, Whitesboro.

Doctor Sill was a graduate of Yale college, in 1754. He settled as a physician, at Goshen, in early life, and was long engaged in the practice of medicine. He was one of the magistrates of Litchfield county for many years. In 1777, he was a surgeon in General Wolcott's brigade of Connecticut volunteers, and was present at the capture of Burgoyne's army at Saratoga. He died in 1808, in the 78th year of his age.

After Doctor Sill's death, his wife and youngest daughter, Mary Eaton, removed to Whitesboro, where they resided till their decease. Mrs. Sill was the daughter and only child of Rev. Stephen Heaton, the first minister of Goshen, who was born in New Haven in 1710, graduated at Yale college in 1733, ordained pastor of the Congregational church in 1740, and died in 1788, having sustained the ministerial office in that





town forty-eight years. Mrs. Sill died in 1816, aged — years. Her daughter, Mary Eaton, deceased in 1848.

**ELISHA EATON SILL,\***

First son of Doctor Elisha of Goshen, was born 18th July, 1774; married Susan, daughter of Samuel Hopkins, Esq., of Goshen.

*Sons.*—1. William Eaton, born 14th October, 1806.

2. Samuel Hopkins, born 15th June, 1812.

*Dau.*—1. Susan H., born 1810; died 2d March, 1835.

Eaton Sill settled as a merchant in the village of Utica, N. Y., in the year 1805, and continued business there till the time of his death, in October, 1812.

His widow afterwards married Rev. Henry Dwight, pastor of the 1st Presbyterian church of Utica. Subsequently, Mr. Dwight's health failed, and he relinquished his charge, and removed with the family to Geneva, Ontario county, in October, 1817.

**THEODORE SILL,**

Second son of Doctor Elisha of Goshen, was born 3d January, 1777; married Eliza Mann, 10th September, 1810.

*Sons.*—1. John, born 5th October, 1811; died 22d October, 1811.

2. Theodore Eaton, born 21st January, 1816; died in 1824.

3. John Mann, born 28th June, 1818; died 8th October, 1842.

4. Theodore Eaton, born 8th February, 1826; died 7th September, 1829.

*Dau.*—1. Eliza Mann, born 7th January, 1813; married Calvert Comstock, editor of the *Atlas and Argus*, Albany.

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\* Although Mr. Sill's name is recorded Elisha Heaton, yet he chose to drop the letter H from his middle name, and was called Eaton, and never by his first name, Elisha.



2. Sarah Gold, born 1st March, 1814; married Rev. Gurdon Huntington of Sag Harbor, 1852; died 31st January, 1858.
3. Mary Elouisa, born 25th February, 1821; died 2d October, 1823.
4. Charlotte Marsh, born 25th May, 1823. Resides at Albany.
5. Cornelia, born 15th November, 1829; died in 1838.

Theodore Sill graduated at Yale college, in 1797; studied law with Thomas R. Gold, Esq., of Whitesboro, and after the completion of his studies was a partner in the law business with that gentleman till his death. He was known as General Sill of the state militia; was an able lawyer and a prominent business man in Oneida county, where he was an early settler, and extensively known. General Sill was a member of the legislature in 1814, 1826 and 1827. He died at his residence in Whitesboro, 27th March, 1836, in the 59th year of his age. His wife deceased 29th April, 1849.

#### WILLIAM EATON SILL,

First son of Elisha E. of Utica, N. Y., was born 14th October, 1806; married 1st, Julia A., daughter of Samuel Miles Hopkins, Esq.; 2d, Anna Sutherland.

*Sons.*—1. Theodore, born 2d March, 1843.

2. William H. E., born 20th February, 1849; died 27th March, 1850.

3. Jacob Sutherland, born 31st January, 1855.

*Dau.*—1. Elizabeth, born 21st June, 1832.

2. Susan Dwight, born 22d June, 1834.

3. Julia Ann, born 24th May, 1838.

4. Mary Eaton, born 23d June, 1840.

Mr. Sill is an attorney at law, and resides in Geneva, N. Y. Mrs. S., the first wife, died 5th March, 1849.

#### SAMUEL HOPKINS SILL,

Second son of Elisha Eaton of Utica, N. Y., was born



15th June, 1812; married Susan Ann Rose, 15th May, 1839, who died.

*Sons.*—1. Robert Rose, born 22d August, 1840.

2. William Eaton, born 22d November, 1842.

3. Henry Rose, born 1st October, 1844.

4. Frederick, born 16th May, 1848.

Residence, Geneva. Mrs. Sill died 16th June, 1848.

*Professional Men.*—One physician. Elisha Sill; two lawyers, Theodore Sill; William E. Sill.



DESCENDANTS OF THE BRANCH OF THE FAMILY OF

A N D R E W   S I L L ,

HE BEING OF THE

*Fourth Generation.*

A N D R E W   S I L L ,

First son of Zechariah of Silltown; married Phebe Mather, 19th June, 1744.

*Sons.*—1. Andrew, born 20th April, 1745.

2. Samuel, born 8th February, 1747.

3. Uriah, born 17th April, 1750.

4. Ezra, born 1753.

*Dau.*—1. Phebe, born 1756; married Stephen Starkey of Saybrook.

Andrew Sill was born and settled in Silltown. It is probable that he erected his dwelling house on the little farm he occupied in the neighborhood of his father, Zechariah Sill, about the year 1740. The house, since the recollection of the writer, was a commodious one, fronting the south, in accordance with the fashion of those times, and was two stories high in front, and one in the rear, the sides covered with shingles. The location was pleasant, being on the west side of the street, and affording a fine prospect of Long Island sound and the mouth of Connecticut river. Mr. Sill resided here many years, and until the death of his first wife.

He married for his second wife the widow Pratt of Pettapouge parish, in the town of Saybrook, and removed to that place with some of his children.

He united with the Congregational church in Lyme in 1741, during the ministry of the Rev. Jonathan Parsons, and in time of the great revival, as it was called. The date of his death is not known.





## **Fifth Generation.**

**ANDREW SILL, JUN.,**

First son of Andrew<sup>1</sup> of Silltown, was born 20th April, 1745; married Helen T., daughter of Captain Matthew Dorr of East Haddam, 20th June, 1773.

*Sons.*—1. Abel, born 8th August, 1774.  
2. Jonathan Palmer, born 8th January, 1776.  
3. Andrew 3d, born 31st March, 1778.  
4. Henry, born 2d April, 1786.  
5. Matthew Dorr, born 22d October, 1802; died 1st January, 1824.

*Dau.*—1. Phebe, born 26th March, 1781; married Eli Dimick, 1801.  
2. Helen, born 10th May, 1788; married James C. Walworth; died 15th May, 1824.  
3. Eliza, born 21st February, 1790; died 7th January, 1824.

Andrew Sill, jun., was a joiner, cabinet maker and wheelwright, and established his business in his native place, where he carried it on many years, and had the reputation of being a skillful mechanic and useful man.

Mr. Sill was a descendant of the Puritans, and imbibed all their firmness in religious principles, their fortitude in enduring hardships and sufferings, with all their self-denying spirit for the interest of the Redeemer's kingdom. He united with the Congregational church in Lyme under the ministry of Rev. Stephen Johnson,\* and

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\* Rev. Stephen Johnson was born in Newark, N. J., and graduated at Yale college, in 1743. He was ordained pastor of the first church in Lyme, 10th December, 1746, and only about 22 years old at the time of his settlement over the church, which consisted of nearly three hundred members. He was remarkably amiable and benevolent in his disposition, an acceptable preacher, and a useful man in the ministry. He sustained the ministerial office in that place for about forty years, when he was removed by death on 8th November, 1786, aged 62 years.



enjoyed the ministerial services of that excellent pastor till the close of his labors by death, 8th November, 1786, in the 62d year of his age.

About the year 1789, he made a journey of exploration from Lyme to Otsego county, New York, in company with his friend, Jedediah Peck\* of North Lyme, afterwards extensively and favorably known as Judge Peck. The journey resulted in their being pleased with the country, purchasing land, and removing with their families and settling as neighbors, in the place now known as Burlington, at that time almost an entire wilderness.

Mr. Sill was a prominent member of the Congregational church in that town from an early period, held the office of deacon thirty-one years, and was a professor of religion for 70 years. In the providence of God deacon Sill was visited, in 1824, with the most severe afflictions, in the removal of his wife and four adult children; two of whom were married, and lived in the neighborhood, and two were unmarried, and lived in the family with their aged parents, together with Mrs. Sill's brother, who was a physician, and had come a distance to attend upon his sick relatives. See Appendix.

Though sorely afflicted and cast down, he was sustained, under these bereavements, through the mercy of his heavenly Father, and could say with Job, "though

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\* Jedediah Peck was an ingenious mechanic. Having a taste for mathematical studies, he gave instruction, when opportunity offered, to the young men of his native place, in navigation and surveying. After he came to Otsego county to reside, he was much engaged in the business of land surveying.

He obtained some notoriety in the political wars of Otsego, which excited much interest at the time. He was elected to the legislature of this state in 1798, and served as a member of a ssembly six years in succession, when he was called to the state senate, which place he occupied four years. He was one of the judges of Otsego county, and a useful man in the community. He was in advance of the times in which he lived, being the first to urge legislative action in favor of the establishment of the system of common schools, and the abolition of imprisonment for debt, but failed in his praiseworthy efforts for several years.



he slay me, yet will I trust in him." Deacon Sill lived about eleven years after this, till he had completed the term of 90 years six months and nine days, and died at his residence in Burlington on the 29th October, 1835. He was one of those who, during a long life, walked worthy of their high vocation.

He was not only a defender of the Christian faith, but of the liberties of his country, and when England refused to hear the plea of America, he was one of the first to arm himself for her defence, and was in her actual service for near two years, and afterwards enrolled as a minute man.

**SAMUEL SILL,**

Second son of Andrew,<sup>1</sup> was born 8th February, 1747, in Silltown; married Sally Tucker of Saybrook.

- Dau.*—1. Sally, born 1784; married Samuel Miner of Lyme.  
2. Fanny, born 1785; married Silas Lester of Lyme.  
3. Ann, born 1789; married — Doane of Essex, Ct.

Samuel Sill was a carpenter and joiner. Residence, Lyme. He died 1st January, 1818; his wife in 1835, aged 83.

**URIAH SILL,**

Third son of Andrew,<sup>1</sup> was born in Lyme, Silltown, 17th April, 1750; married Phebe Birdsall of New York.

- Sons.*—1. Abraham, died young.  
2. Benjamin, born 11th April, 1782.  
3. Archibald, born in 1796.

*Dau.*—1. Patty, married Alanson Hadburn. Residence, Columbia, N. Y.; died 1830.

Uriah Sill's residence was in the town of Patterson, N. Y.



**EZRA SILL,**

Fourth son of Andrew,<sup>1</sup> was born in Lyme, Silltown, about 1753; married Charity Pratt of Saybrook.

*Son.*—1. Enoch, born June, 1782.

2. Uriah, born September, 1786.

3. Edward Pratt, born 10th April, 1789.

*Dau.*—1. Polly, born 1778; married Rufus Utley; died 1847.

Residence, Saybrook; died about 1808 or 10.

**Sixth Generation.****ABEL SILL,**

First son of Andrew,<sup>2</sup> was born 8th August, 1774; married Hepsibah, daughter of Jedediah Peck, Esquire.

*Sons.*—1. Elisha Dorr, born 2d September, 1794.

2. Elijah Peck, born 6th May, 1800.

3. Russell Dorr, born 12th August, 1803.

4. Richard Ely, born 22d May, 1804.

5. Jedediah Peck, born 28th May, 1808.

6. Andrew, born 10th May, 1812.

*Dau.*—1. Tabitha, born 18th April, 1806; married Nathaniel Bolton.

2. Helen, born 6th May, 1810; married Roswell Hollester.

3. Anna Peck, born 9th August, 1818. Anna Peck Sill resides in the city of Rockford, Illinois, where she has been for some years the principal of the Female Seminary. The number of pupils in the institution was 330 in July, 1857.

Abel Sill was a farmer, and resided in Burlington, where he died on the 12th April, 1824; his age 50 years





JONATHAN PALMER SILL,

Second son of Andrew,<sup>2</sup> was born at Lyme, 8th January, 1776; married Mary Faulkner, 13th February, 1801.

*Sons.*—1. John Faulkner, born 11th April, 1803; died in infancy.

2. Andrew, born 1st December, 1804.

3. Jonathan Palmer, born 8th September, 1806.

*Dau.*—1. Margaret, born 6th January, 1802; died in infancy.

Doctor Jonathan P. Sill was an early settler and physician of note in the village of Geneseo, Livingston county, N. Y., where he enjoyed an extensive practice for several years. He died in that place on the 8th September, 1806, in the 31st year of his age. His widow afterwards married Moses Gibson of Geneseo; she died January, 1853, aged 78 years.

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ANDREW SILL,<sup>3</sup>

Third son of Andrew,<sup>2</sup> was born at Lyme, Ct., 31st March, 1778; married 1, Parnel Clark; 2, Pamela Balcom; 3, Sally Holiday.

*Sons.*—1. Blin Smith, born 3d April, 1808.

2. Matthew Dorr, born 9th August, 1827; died 5th August, 1850.

3. Russell Dorr, born 14th August, 1829.

*Dau.*—1. Harriet, born 5th June, 1807; died 11th November, 1838.

2. Lydia Pamela, born 8th July, 1818; married Ezra Mather.

3. Almira, born 22d January, 1820; married Pitt Cushman.

4. Elizabeth, born 14th May, 1822; died 1st March, 1832.

5. Helen Dorr, born 18th December, 1824; died 15th March, 1844.



Andrew Sill was a merchant, card manufacturer, and an ingenious mechanic, residing in Burlington for many years. In the latter part of his life he removed to Columbus, in Chenango county, where he established himself in the same business. He died at his residence in that place on the 13th July, 1856, aged 80 years.

#### HENRY SILL,

Fourth son of Andrew,<sup>3</sup> was born 2d April, 1786, in Saybrook, Ct.; married 1, Abigail Dimock, 29th July, 1818; 2, Mary Maples.

*Sons.*—1. Henry Ward, born 25th May, 1821.  
2. Cook Dimock, born 28th January, 1829.  
3. Edmund, born 28th April, 1834.

*Dau.*—1. Abigail Blakeslee, born 23d April, 1819; married Leander H. Knapp.  
2. Eliza, born 29th October, 1826. Resides in Livonia, N. Y.

Henry Sill is a merchant, card manufacturer and mechanic, residing in Burlington, N. Y. Postmaster and justice.

#### BENJAMIN SILL,

Second son of Uriah of Patterson, was born 11th April, 1782; married 1, Esther Crosby; 2, Sivina Birdsall.

*Son.*—1. Frederick, born 28th October, 1826; died 1835.

*Dau.*—1. Emmaline, born 10th April, 1806; residence, Poughquag, N. Y.

2. Eliza Caroline, born 1st April, 1808; married William Haviland of Pawling, N. Y.

3. Maria, born 7th December, 1810; married Daniel F. Brill, Poughquag.

4. Mary, born 20th November, 1821; married D. J. Dakin of Poughquag.

5. Phebe A., born 9th March, 1829; died 1853.

The residence of Benjamin Sill was at Patterson till 1836. afterwards Beekman; he died 17th April, 1848, aged 66.



ARCHIBALD SILL,

Third son of Uriah of Patterson, was born in 1796.

*Son.* — 1. Benjamin A., born in 1838.

*Dau.*—1. Catherine A., born 1836; married William Pierce of Pawling.

The residence of Archibald Sill was at Patterson till 1830, afterwards Pawling; he died 5th June, 1851, aged 55 years.

ENOCH SILL,

First son of Ezra of Saybrook, was born in 1782; married Mary Potter,

*Sons.*—1. Richard Evans, born 12th August, 1807; died 17th October, 1829.

2. Hosea Edward, born 13th April, 1809.

3. Delos E., born 13th April, 1811.

4. William H., born 13th June, 1816; died 4th May, 1817.

5. Carlos Emmons, born 22d December, 1832.

*Dau.*—1. Cecelia, born 22d February, 1814. } Twins.  
2. Elizabeth, born 22d February, 1814. }  
3. Mary Adelia, born 17th June, 1818; died 11th October, 1835.

4. Ann Augusta, born 10th October, 1821; died 9th June, 1837.

5. Louisa, born 7th April, 1828; died 10th May, 1829.

Mr. Sill's residence was Springfield, N. Y. He died in that place 3d of August, 1851, aged 69 years.

EDWARD PRATT SILL,

Third son of Ezra of Saybrook, was born 15th April, 1789; married Amanda Sheldon.

*Son.* — 1. William E., born 15th August, 1826.

*Dau.*—1. Amanda C., born 7th June, 1828; died 19th September, 1854.



2. Emeline M., born 4th May, 1830.
3. Lucinda H., born 2d October, 1832.
4. Cecilia A., born 1st April, 1835.
5. Mary A., born 9th June, 1838.

Edward Pratt Sill resided in Utica, N. Y., till 1853; now Neenah, Wisconsin.

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### Seventh Generation.

#### ELISHA DORR SILL,

First son of Abel of Burlington, was born 2d September, 1794; married Matilda Weeks.

- Son.*—1. George W., born 15th January, 1823.  
 2. Abel, born 29th September, 1825.

Elisha D. Sill resides in Burlington; is a farmer.

#### ELIJAH PECK SILL,

Second son of Abel of Burlington, was born 6th May, 1800; married Minerva Knapp.

- Son.*—1. Edwin K., born 4th November, 1832; died 11th November, 1837.

*Dau.*—1. Eliza A., born 4th June, 1838; married Selah C. Sanford.

2. Caroline K., born 6th October, 1837.

Elijah P. Sill resides at Barre, Orleans county, N. Y.; farmer.

#### RUSSELL DORR SILL,

Third son of Abel of Burlington, was born 12th August, 1803; married Delia Wirt.

- Sons.*—1. William H., born 26th September, 1832.  
 2. John W., born 24th November, 1834.  
 3. Andrew J., born 16th June, 1837.





- Dau.*—1. Mary Jane, born 20th March, 1845.  
2. Anna P, born 16th December, 1849.

Russell D. Sill resides in Yates, Orleans county, N. Y.; farmer.

RICHARD ELY SILL,

Fourth son of Abel of Burlington, was born 22d May, 1804; married Almira Bolton.

- Sons.*—1. Russell Dorr, born 30th October, 1829.  
2. Richard E., Jr., born 22d February, 1834.  
3. Francis R., born 15th January, 1847.

- Dau.*—1. Helen D., born 13th October, 1831.  
2. Eliza, born 7th September, 1837.  
3. Mary Jane, born 18th November, 1852.

Richard E. Sill resides at Hastings, Oswego county, N. Y.; farmer.

JEDEDIAH PECK SILL,

Fifth son of Abel of Burlington, was born 28th May, 1808; married Caroline Ward. Residence, Cooperstown, Otsego county; hop merchant.

ANDREW SILL,

Sixth son of Abel of Burlington, was born 10th May, 1812. Residence, Otisco, N. Y.

ANDREW SILL,

First son of Doctor Jonathan P., was born 1st December, 1804; married Mirina Woodruff.

- Sons.*—1. Henry F., born 27th August, 1835.  
2. Edward E., born 14th July, 1839.  
3. George W., born 24th August, 1843.

Doctor Sill resides in Livonia, Livingston county, N. Y., has been a practising physician for many years,



and a member of the legislature in 1847. Is now one of the deputy U. S. marshals for the northern district of New York state.

JONATHAN PALMER SILL,

Second son of Doctor Jonathan P. of Geneseo, was born 8th September, 1806; married Miriam J. Colt.

*Sons*—1. John Colt, born 5th June, 1838.

2. Matthew Henry, born 27th October, 1843.

*Dau.*—1. Mary, born 5th August, 1840.

Jonathan P. Sill was a merchant for several years at Scottsville, N. Y. He afterwards gave up merchandize, and engaged in farming in the town of Chili. He was the inventor of setting card teeth by machinery. He was many years a ruling elder in the old school Presbyterian church of Scottsville, and a devoted and valuable member of that community. He had been long afflicted with bronchitis, and died almost instantly, in December, 1855, from the rupture of a blood vessel in the lungs. The residence of the family is at Scottsville.

BLIN SMITH SILL,

First son of Andrew 3d of Columbus, was born 3d April, 1808; married Catherine A. Lathrop.

*Son.*—1. Erastus L., born 12th March, 1845.

*Dau.*—1. Arrabella J., born 6th July, 1840; died 1st April, 1849.

2. Stella B., born 27th October, 1842.

Doctor B. S. Sill resides in Bainbridge, N. Y., and is a practising physician.

RUSSELL DORR SILL,

Second son of Andrew of Columbus, born 14th August, 1829; married Delia Williams. Resides in Columbus; farmer.



HENRY WARD SILL,

First son of Henry of Burlington, was born 25th May, 1821; married Harriot Russell.

*Sons.*—1. William, born 23d September, 1844; died 16th February, 1846.

2. Emmet Dorr, born 2d November, 1850.

Residence, Black Creek, Holmes county, Ohio. Farmer and merchant.

COOK DIMOCK SILL,

Second son of Henry of Burlington, was born 28th January, 1829; married Lucy A. Harris; was a farmer.

*Son.*—1. Byron Cook, born 1st May, 1852. Residence, Black Creek, Ohio.

*Dau.*—1. Abigail, born 13th December, 1850; went to San Jose, California. He died there on 23d December, 1853.

EDMUND SILL,

Third son of Henry of Burlington, was born 28th April. Operator in telegraph office, Oquaka, Illinois.

HOSEA EDWARD SILL,

Second son of Enoch of Springville, was born 13th of April, 1809; married Adeline Sibley.

*Sons.*—1. William H., born September, 1841.

2. Thomas A., born September, 1850.

*Dau.*—1. Cecelia, born September, 1843.

Doctor H. E. Sill was a physician, and resided in Lodi, Ohio. He died 20th July, 1854.

DELOS E. SILL,

Third son of Enoch of Springville, was born 13th April; married Harriet W. Beecher.



*Son.* — 1. Charles Delos, born 1844.

*Dau.* — 1. Harriet Beecher, born 1854.

Delos E. Sill is a printer, and resides at Ellicottville. He was a presidential elector in 1848, and messenger to convey the vote of New York state to Washington city. He was also elected an elector in the Fremont campaign in 1856.

#### CARLOS EMMONS SILL,

Fourth son of Enoch of Springville, was born 22d December, 1832; married Julia Martin of Boston, Erie county.

*Sons.* — 1. Charles Francis, born in 1857; died April, 1859.

2. — born, 1859.

Carlos Emmons Sill resides at Ellicottville.

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### Eighth Generation.

#### GEORGE W. SILL,

First son of Elisha Dorr of Burlington, was born 15th January, 1823; married Laura J. Pierce.

*Son.* — 1. Abner Eugene, born 19th November, 1850.

Residence not known.

#### ABEL SILL,

Second son of Elisha Dorr of Burlington, born 29th September, 1825; married Mary J. Lotter.

*Dau.* — 1. Martha Matilda, born 12th August, 1848.

2. Mary Louise, born 21st November, 1850.

3. Anna Peck, born 27th June, 1852.

Residence not known.





RUSSELL DORR SILL,

First son of Richard Ely of Hastings, was born 30th October, 1829; married Mariett Bush.

*Dau.*—1. Emma Josephine, born 28th January, 1854.

Residence, Hastings.

*Professional Men in this Branch of the Family.*—Physicians, Jonathan Palmer Sill of Geneseo; Andrew Sill of Livonia; Blin Smith Sill, Bainbridge; Hosea E. Sill, Lodi, Ohio; Matthew Dorr Sill, Burlington.



DESCENDANTS OF THE BRANCH OF THE FAMILY OF  
**ZECHARIAH SILL OF LYME,**

HE BEING OF THE

**Fourth Generation.**

**ZECHARIAH SILL,<sup>2</sup>**

Second son of Zechariah,<sup>1</sup> was born in 1717; married Susan Rowland of New London, 8th November, 1747.

*Sons.*—1. Richard, born 19th November, 1754.

2. Zechariah, born 19th May, 1758.

*Dau.*—1. Betsy, born 10th August, 1748.

2. Susannah, born 30th January, 1750.

3. Clarina, born 28th April, 1752; died at Lyme, unmarried.

Zechariah Sill<sup>2</sup> was a blacksmith and settled on Flat rock hill, in the 1st parish of Lyme where he purchased a home in 1750. From allusion made to him by old people he appears to have prosecuted his trade skilfully, and trained apprentices in his business. His name appears in the records as one of the school committee of the first parish of Lyme in 1755. His death is noted as having occurred in 1783, which would make his age 66 years.

Mrs. Sill, his wife, removed from Flat rock hill, and also their daughter, Susannah, to West Granville, where their sons Richard and Zechariah had located themselves, but the writer is not able to ascertain the date of their removal, but probably it was between 1785 and 1790. Mrs. Sill died 23d May, 1810, aged 83 years, and Susannah, 23d February, 1827, aged 77. Both were buried at Hartford, Washington county, N. Y., where Zechariah Sill<sup>3</sup> resided for many years before, and at the time of his death.



## Fifth Generation.

### RICHARD SILL,

First son of Zechariah<sup>2</sup> of Lyme, Flat rock hill, was born 19th November, 1754; married 1st, Eunice Lee; 2d, Mary Williams.

*Sons.*—1. Elisha, born at Lyme. 23d January, 1778.

2. Joseph, born in Granville, 23d April, 1788.

*Dau.*—1. Elizabeth, born in Granville, 22d April, 1782; married Captain Samuel Hand of Shoreham, Vt.

Richard Sill was a clergyman of the Baptist denomination, and brought up in Lyme, where he married his first wife. He removed to West Granville, Washington county, N. Y., about 1780. When he began preaching the gospel as a licentiate is not known to the writer, but the history of the Baptist churches in New London county, Ct., mentions the fact of his receiving ordination at Lyme in 1783. He afterwards became pastor of the 1st Baptist church of Granville. While there his health became impaired, and he made a journey to his native place with the hope that the sea air might be beneficial to him, but returned without any improvement. He died 26th October, 1788, in the 34th year of his age. Elder Sill's first wife was Eunice Lee, who died about June, 1788. She was the sister of Elder Jason Lee, the worthy pastor of the Baptist church in East Lyme. His second wife, who was Mary Williams, afterwards married Daniel B. Hicks of Granville.

### ZECHARIAH SILL,<sup>3</sup>

Third son of Zechariah<sup>2</sup> of Lyme, Flat rock hill, was born 19th May, 1758; married Prudence Comstock, 15th February, 1781.

*Sons.*—1. John Comstock, born in Lyme, 18th March, 1782.



2. David, born in Granville, 1st October, 1787.
3. Richard, born in Granville, 28th February, 1790.
4. Zechariah, born in Granville, 27th April, 1793.
5. Daniel, born in Hartford, 25th September, 1797.

Zechariah Sill<sup>3</sup> was a blacksmith, having acquired some knowledge also in the making and manufacturing of iron, as practised at Hall's forge\* in Lyme, where contracts for various utensils were made for the state of Connecticut during the revolutionary war. He was with the American army in the vicinity of Boston, and assisted in erecting the fortifications on Dorchester Heights during the memorable night of the 4th of March, 1776.

After this he enlisted on board of an American privateer, and was captured by a British vessel, and was for some time confined on the island of Bermuda. He finally returned in safety to his native place, and resumed the employments of civil life.

About the year 1785, Mr. Sill removed from Lyme to West Granville, Washington county, N. Y., with his family, where he commenced his business again as a blacksmith, and prosecuted the same for about ten years, or till 1794. In that year he removed to Hartford in the same county, where he made his permanent home and carried on blacksmithing in connection with farming.

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\* The work done at Hall's forge for the state of Connecticut was such as was required for digging entrenchments, erecting walls and mounds of earth, and making excavations. The army was poorly provided with such things, and hence an urgent necessity of pushing forward the work in anticipation of a movement in the vicinity of Boston. So urgent was the case that Governor Trumbull wrote Mr. Hall to prosecute the work on Sabbath, and all hands were thus engaged one Sabbath. Mrs. Hall, one of the old ladies in the vicinity of Silltown where the forge was established, used to speak in after years of that day, and say it was the most solemn Sabbath she ever saw. There was no unnecessary talking by the men and apprentice boys, but a great solemnity seemed to pervade the minds of all, as if a crisis was approaching which anticipated events of deep and thrilling interest.





Mr. Sill was a justice of the peace for the county of Washington, and deacon of the Baptist church of Adamsville. He died 12th October, 1812, aged 54 years.

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### **Sixth Generation.**

#### **ELISHA SILL,**

First son of Rev. Richard, was born at Lyme, Ct., on the 23d January, 1778; married Sarah Chandler.

*Dau.*—1. Elizabeth Lee, born 3d May, 1805; married Warner Wright of West Granville.

Elisha Sill served an apprenticeship at cabinet making, in Lyme. He removed, about 1800, to West Granville, N. Y., where he established himself in business. He died 18th July, 1831, aged 53 years.

#### **JOSEPH SILL,**

Second son of Rev. Richard, was born 23d April, 1788, at West Granville, N. Y.; married 1st, Elizabeth Woodrow of Hillsboro, Ohio, 1824; 2d, Harriet M. Donald, 1838.

*Sons.*—1. Charles W., born 14th April, 1829; died 25th December, 1834.

2. Joshua Woodrow, born 6th December, 1831.

3. Richard, born 12th February, 1834; died 8th January, 1845.

4. Joseph, Jr., born 24th May, 1849.

5. Edward Lee, born 2d March, 1851; died 2d October, 1852.

*Dau.*—1. Anna Maria, born 3d April, 1825; married Doctor Albert Douglas, of Chillicothe, Ohio.

2. Mary Douglas, born 20th March, 1827.

3. Harriet Elizabeth, born 24th August, 1840; died 1st January, 1849.

4. Helen Augusta, born 12th December, 1842.

Joseph Sill resided several years in West Granville, his



native place, and there prepared for college; graduated at Middlebury, Vt., in 1809, and was employed for nearly two years as a teacher of the academy in Montpelier. He commenced the study of law with Cyrus Ware, Esq., of that place, but afterwards removed to Philadelphia, entered the law office of Spencer and John Sargeants, and was there admitted to practice in 1814. The same year he removed to Chillicothe, Ohio, where he settled in the practice of his profession and has since resided, now nearly forty-five years (1859). He has once represented his district in the state legislature, and several years held the office of district attorney for the counties of Ross, Jackson and Pike.

JOHN COMSTOCK SILL,

First son of Zechariah,<sup>3</sup> was born in Lyme, Ct., 18th March, 1782; married Sarah Smith of Hartford, N. Y., 1801.

*Sons.*—1. Horace Luther, born 9th February, 1809.

2. David Thomas, born 22d February, 1811.

3. William Richard, born 21st April, 1817.

4. Charles D., born 13th December, 1822.

5. John Bradley, born 14th February, 1827.

*Dau.*—1. Betsy, born 15th July, 1802; married 1st, Hugh L. Clark; 2d, William Heath.

2. Maria, born 28th June, 1804; married John Gates.

3. Susan, born 19th December, 1806; married Charles Green.

4. Almira, born 23d March, 1813.

5. Emeline, born 1st April, 1815.

6. Mary Ann, born 18th September, 1819.

7. Caroline E., born 24th November, 1824; married James R. Jewett.

8. Harriet Newell, born 23d March, 1828; married Horace E. Reeves.

The head of this large family was known as Captain John C. Sill. He removed with his father from Lyme to Granville about 1785, and resided many years in that



town and Hartford. He afterwards settled in Adams, Jefferson county, N. Y., and remained there till 1836, when he removed to Solon, Ohio. Captain Sill died in that town in 1844, aged 62 years. He was a farmer and surveyor.

DAVID SILL,

Second son of Zechariah,<sup>3</sup> was born in Granville, 1st October, 1787; married Maria Page of Shirley, Mass., May, 1808.

*Sons.*—1. John R., died young.

2. Charles P., died young.

*Dau.*—1. Elmira, born 12th February, 1809; married James Stuart of Argyle.

2. Harriet Maria, born 30th March, 1814; married E. B. Doane of Argyle.

David Sill, Esq., resided in North Argyle; was a farmer, justice of the peace, supervisor of the town, and member of the legislature for the sessions of 1830 and 1850. He died in 1855.

RICHARD SILL,

Third son of Zechariah,<sup>3</sup> was born in Granville, 28th February, 1790; married Electa Clary, 26th July, 1812.

*Sons.*—1. Richard, Jr., born 4th December, 1814.

2. Edward, born 10th December, 1816.

3. Zechariah, born 30th August, 1818.

4. David,<sup>2</sup> born 28th November, 1819.

5. Joseph, born 5th October, 1825.

6. Henry, born 3d August, 1827.

*Dau.*—1. Mary, born 16th May, 1813; married William H. Ward; she died 31st August, 1850.

2. Susan, born 12th December, 1820.

3. Electa, born 7th May, 1823; died 15th December, 1825.

4. Electa, born 9th September, 1830; died 26th December, 1832.

Doctor Richard Sill resides in Hartford, N. Y., where



he has been engaged in the practice of medicine for nearly half a century. He served the town in the capacity of supervisor once or more, and was a member of the legislature from Washington county in 1829.

#### **ZECHARIAH SILL,<sup>4</sup>**

Fourth son of Zechariah,<sup>3</sup> was born in Granville, 27th April, 1793; married Lydia Bowen, 23d January, 1817.

*Sons.*—1. James B., born 2d January, 1820; died 9th February, 1830.

2. Henry W., born 15th September, 1822; died 23d February, 1830.

3. James Henry, born 26th November, 1831.

*Dau.*—1. Lydia Ann, born 26th January, 1818; died 8th October, 1826.

2. Louisa E., born 4th February, 1825; married William H. Ward.

3. Mary Ann, born 24th February, 1828.

4. Lydia Maria, born 17th November, 1829.

5. Harriet D., born 2d February, 1835.

The residence of Zechariah Sill<sup>4</sup> is in Hartford. He is a farmer, and has served the town as supervisor.

#### **DANIEL SILL,**

Fifth son of Zechariah,<sup>3</sup> was born 25th September, 1797, in Hartford; married Nancy Crawford, 13th February, 1820.

*Sons.*—1. Archibald, C., born 1st June, 1821.

2. John C., born 28th October, 1823.

3. Daniel D., born 8th May, 1832.

Mr. Sill is a farmer, and resides in Argyle.





## Seventh Generation.

### JOSHUA WOODROW SILL,

Second son of Joseph of Chillicothe, Ohio, was born 6th December, 1831. He graduated at West Point Military Academy, with distinguished honors in 1854, and engaged in teaching at the institution till his health required a change. He is at present (1859) stationed with our army at Fort Vancouver, Washington territory.

### HORACE LUTHER SILL,

First son of Captain John C., was born 9th February, 1809; married Mary Pettibone.

*Sons.*—1. John Jerome, born 1st February, 1840.

2. Horace Luther, Jr., born 4th March, 1844; died April, 1847.

3. Julius Albines, born 23d December, 1847.

4. Charles Wickliffe, born 26th November, 1849.

*Dau.*—1. Ellen Ellura, born 4th June, 1833.

2. Marie Antonette, born 18th April, 1835.

3. Sarah Minerva, born September, 1836; died April, 1838.

4. Sarah Frances, born 7th February, 1842; died October, 1843.

5. Julia Matilda, born 13th January, 1846.

6. Mary Catherine, born 28th February, 1852.

H. L. Sill is a farmer and resides in Washington, Ill.,

### DAVID THOMAS SILL,

Second son of Captain John C., was born 22d February, 1811; married Mary Ann Messenger.

*Sons.*—1. John De Witt, born 5th October, 1842.

2. Charles De Forest, born 9th June, 1851.

*Dau.*—1. Sarah Elizabeth, born 3d July, 1834.

2. Ann Eliza, born 15th August, 1838.



3. Olivia Almira, born 20th November, 1840.
4. Margaret, born 21st April, 1847.
5. Harriet Augusta, born 25th November, 1848.
6. Caroline Berintha, born 3d October, 1852.

David Thomas Sill resides at Morton, Tazewell county, Ill.; is a house joiner and farmer.

WILLIAM RICHARD SILL,

Third son of Captain John C., was born 21st April, 1817; married Sarah S. Post. Residence, Warrenville, Ohio; occupation not known.

CHARLES D. SILL,

Fourth son of Captain John C., was born 13th December, 1822; married Caroline S. Robbins. Residence, Morton, Tazewell county, Ill.; farmer.

JOHN BRADLEY SILL,

Fifth son of Captain John C., was born 14th February, 1827; married Frances Shaw. Resides at Morton, Ill.; farmer.

RICHARD SILL, JR.,

First son of Doctor Richard of Hartford, born 4th December, 1814; married Mary Harris.

*Dau.*—1. Helen.

Richard Sill, Jr., was a young physician of great promise, had just begun a successful practice of his profession in his native place, when he was compelled by ill health to suspend his labors. He visited the southern states and the West Indies in hopes of finding his health improved, but to no purpose. He died, greatly lamented, on the 11th June, 1846.

EDWARD SILL,

Second son of Doctor Richard, was born 10th December, 1816. Residence, Hartford, N. Y.; farmer.



ZECHARIAH SILL,<sup>5</sup>

Third son of Doctor Richard, was born 30th August, 1818. Residence, Hartford, N. Y.; farmer.

DAVID SILL,

Fourth son of Doctor Richard, was born 28th November, 1819; married Sarah Ann Felch.

*Dau.*—1. Mary, born 4th February, 1854.

Residence, Hartford, N. Y.; farmer.

JOSEPH SILL,

Fifth son of Doctor Richard, was born 5th October, 1825; married Laura Amelia (daughter of Colonel D. M.) Brown of Hartford, N. Y., September, 1857. Physician, and resides in Hartford.

HENRY SILL,

Sixth son of Doctor Richard, was born 3d August, 1827. Resides in Hartford.

JAMES HENRY SILL,

Third son of Zechariah<sup>4</sup> of Hartford, was born 26th November, 1831; married Margaret (daughter of John L.) Gilchrist of Argyle, N. Y., November 17th, 1858. Residence, South Hartford; farmer.

ARCHIBALD C. SILL,

First son of Daniel of Argyle, was born 1st June, 1821; married Mary Wilson.

*Son.*—1. John W., born 29th August, 1849.

*Dau.*—1. Nancy Maria, born 5th April, 1846; died 11th August, 1848.

2. Mary, born 22d January, 1852.

Residence, Hebron; farmer.



## JOHN C. SILL,

Second son of Daniel of Argyle, was born 28th of October, 1823. Physician; resides in Argyle village.

## DANIEL D. SILL,

Third son of Daniel of Argyle, was born 8th May, 1832. Residence, California.

*Professional Men.*—Baptist Clergyman, Elder Richard Sill, Granville, N. Y.; Lawyer, Joseph Sill, Chillicothe, Ohio. Physicians: Richard Sill, Hartford; Richard Sill, Jr., Hartford; Joseph Sill, Hartford; John C. Sill, Argyle.





## OBITUARY NOTICES.

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The following obituary notices appeared shortly after the death of the persons herein named:

"Died, on the 1st January, 1824, at Burlington, Otsego county, of typhus fever, Matthew Dorr Sill, aged 21 years. He had been more than two years engaged in the study of medicine, and was a young man of great promise and remarkably correct in his deportment. A numerous and interesting circle of acquaintances will long lament his loss."

"On the 7th of the same month, and of the same fever, Miss Eliza Sill, aged 33 years. She was one of the excellent of the earth. She died glorying in the cross of Christ, by which she was crucified to the world and the world to her. To do justice to her memory would far exceed the limits of an obituary notice. Her exemplary and pious life will not soon be forgotten by the church with which she was connected, nor the society in which she was reared."

"On the 24th of March, Mrs. Helena Sill, the wife of Andrew Sill, and mother of the above deceased, of the same fever, aged 70 years. The life of Mrs. Sill has been like the path of the just, 'that shineth more and more to the perfect day.' She imbibed much of the spirit of her master, occupied a large space in the affections of her family and numerous friends, and while the church has great reason to lament that one of her brightest lights has been extinguished, her family have the consolation to believe that for her to die was gain."



"On the 30th of the same month, at the same place, and of the same fever (to which he had gone to administer medical aid), Doctor Russell Dorr of Chatham, Columbia county, youngest brother of Mrs. Sill, aged 53 years. He has left a young and numerous family to lament the removal of an indulgent and affectionate husband and father. To do justice to the memory of Doctor Dorr as a man, a father, a husband and physician would require a volume. He was one of the most affectionate and tender among men; he ranked high in his profession as a counsellor and practitioner, notwithstanding the state of his health had for years rendered him unable to pursue the practice of medicine assiduously, his counsel was sought in most difficult cases, and he was always ready at the call of the fatherless and the widow, the sick and the afflicted; his memory will long be cherished in the bosoms of an extensive connection."

"On the 12th April, 1824, Abel Sill, the oldest son of Andrew Sill, of the same fever. He was a respectable farmer, and left a widow, (the daughter of Judge Peck), six sons and three daughters, all of whom are highly respectable members of society."

"On the 15th May, 1824, Helen, wife of James C. Walworth, Esq., and second daughter of Andrew Sill, of the same fever. She was a woman of superior mind and ability."

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